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Deaths.

BAKER.—February 8, 1898, at Katoomba, Mary Ann, widow of the late John Baker, of Summer Hill, aged 60 years.

CHRISTIE.—January 2, at Hampstead, London, late of Ceylon, Edward J. H. Christie, eldest son of the late Genl. H. Paget Christie, of Cheltenham, England.

COGHLAN.—February 9, at her residence, Orara, Summer Hill, Mary A. Coghlan, relict of the late John Coghlan, in her 68th year.

DUFFIN.—February 8, at his parents' residence, Arthur Charles, infant son of Thomas H. and Mary Annie Duffin, aged 2 years.

In Memoriam.

BRADY.—In loving memory of Charles Herbert Brady, who was accidentally killed February 10th, 1896, aged 16 years 9 months.

Around his lonely grave we gaze,
With hearts quite bruised and sore,
While through the gloom those soft words creep,
Not lost, but gone before.

R.I.P. Inserted by his Cooper-street companions.

CLAYTON.—In sad but loving remembrance of my loving son, George, who departed this life at St. Vincent's Hospital through injuries received at Rosebery Park February 10, 1896. Inserted by his loving mother and stepfather, Margaret and John Jones.

For a time we bid thee adieu,
Till the earth and its sorrows are flown;
We will meet ne'er to part, and renew
Our love at the foot of the Throne.

CLAYTON.—In sad but loving remembrance of my beloved nephew, who departed this life February 10, 1896. Inserted by his loving uncle and aunt, Emily and Fred. Oberg.

Bright star, from our midst thou art fled,
From our sight thou art gone evermore;
A gem that may truly be said
Time never again can restore.

CLAYTON.—In fond and loving memory of our dear nephew, George Clayton, who fell asleep in Jesus February 10th, 1896. Inserted by his loving uncle and aunt, Sam and Sarah.

CLAYTON.—In loving memory of George Clayton (jockey), who died on the 10th February, 1896. Flowers fade, but memory never. Inserted by his loving grandma and aunt Amelia.

GENDLE.—In loving memory of our dear brother, William Gendle, who departed this life 10th February, 1896. Never shall your memory fade! Inserted by R. and M. A. Gendle.

Return Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. WALKER, of Berrima, desire to return heartfelt THANKS to the officers of H.M. gaol and the many other kind friends for floral tributes, telegrams, cards, letters, and personal sympathy received in their late sad bereavement.

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Oceana	6605	E. Stewart	Feb. 12	Feb. 15	Feb. 17
*China	8000	M. de Horne	Feb. 26	Mar. 1	Mar. 3
*Victoria	6527	E. Crewe	Mar. 9	Mar. 15	Mar. 17
*India	8000	W. D. G. Worcester	Mar. 23	Mar. 29	Mar. 31
*Australia	6901	J. Reeves	Apl. 5	Apl. 12	Apl. 14
*Arcadia	6603	A. C. Loggin	Apl. 20	Apl. 26	Apl. 28
Rome	5545	J. F. Jephson	May 7	May 10	May 12
Himalaya	6898	W. L. Broun	May 21	May 24	May 26

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Caledonien	Durrande	Feb. 21	Feb. 23	Feb. 25
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Steamer.	Tons.	Commander.	Sydney, noon.	Melb'urne 4 p.m.	Adelaide, 2 p.m.
*CUZCO	3898	A. T. Pritchard	Feb. 16	Feb. 22	Feb. 24
*ORUBA	5857	Lindsay Hay	Mar. 2	Mar. 8	Mar. 10
*ORMUZ	6387	H. E. Inskip	Mar. 16	Mar. 22	Mar. 24
*AUSTRAL	5524	J. F. Anderson	Mar. 30	April 5	April 7
*OPHIR	6910	J. F. Ruthven	Apl. 13	Apl. 19	Apl. 21
*OROTAVA	5857	J. Linklater	Apl. 27	May 3	May 5
ORIZABA	6297	A. W. Clarke, R.N.R.	May 14	May 17	May 19

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Steamer.	Commander.	Sydney, at 4 p.m.	Auckland, 2 p.m.	Arrive at 'Frisco.
MOANA	Carey	Feb. 14	Feb. 19	Mar. 10
ALAMEDA	Van Oterendorp	Mar. 14	Mar. 19	April 7
MARIPOSA	Hayward	April 11	April 16	May 5

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S.S. MARAROA, WEDNESDAY, February 23, at 4 p.m.
S.S. WAIHORA, WEDNESDAY, March 9, at 2 p.m.
For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, BLUFF, thence to HOBART and MELBOURNE (transhipping to outports)—
S.S. ROTOMAHANA, SATURDAY, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m.
S.S. WAKATIPU, SATURDAY, February 19, at 1 p.m.
TASMANIA.
FOR HOBART DIRECT—
S.S. OONAH, February 14, at noon, 19, and 26.
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From MELBOURNE.
For NEW ZEALAND PORTS and HOBART—
S.S. WAIKARE, WEDNESDAY, February 16.
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Steamer.	Tons	Commander	Leave Sydney noon.	Leave Melbourne.	Leave Adelaide.
Koenigin Luise	10566	Schuckmann	...	Feb. 2	Feb. 5
Barbarossa	10769	A. Richter	Feb. 23	Mar. 1	Mar. 5
Prinz-Regent Luitpold	6592	F. Walter	Mar. 23	Mar. 29	Apr. 2
Gera	5319	W. Meissel	April 20	April 26	Apr. 30
Stuttgart	5540	Kohlenbeck	May 18	May 24	May 28
Weimar	5318	F. Mentz	June 15	June 21	June 25
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BUNDABERG	Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 15
GLADSTONE	Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 15
ROCKHAMPTON	Katoomba, Friday, 5 p.m., Feb. 11 Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 15
And all Q'SLAND PORTS to COOKTOWN	Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 15
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All CLAIMS and ACCOUNTS against the abovenamed vessel must be rendered in Triplicate to the office of the undersigned by or before noon THIS DAY, as otherwise or thereafter they will not be recognised.
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Public Notices.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
Pending the Erection of the Company's New Buildings, at the corner of Moore and Castlereagh streets, the BUSINESS of the above Company will, on and after MONDAY, the 7th instant, be conducted at 279 George-street, Sydney, corner of Margaret-street (late Mutual Assurance Society of Victoria's Offices).
W. N. DEWAR,
General Secretary.
8th February, '98.

PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL.
I beg to acknowledge with THANKS the receipt of £175 10s, being a portion of the yearly distribution of the balance of the RAILWAY and TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES' GENERAL HOSPITAL FUND.
JAMES R. FAIRFAX,
Hon. Treasurer.
9th February, 1898.

BUSINESS NOTICE.
In consequence of a very large increase in the demand for our JAMS, and the difficulty experienced in procuring supplies of suitable fruit, we feel obliged to advance the Price of the AUSTRALASIAN and PEACOCK BRANDS of JAM by THREEPENCE per Dozen on the 1lb., and SIXPENCE per Dozen on the 2lb.; but the price of Edwards' Jams will remain as heretofore.
Customers will please note that the recent delay in the delivery of orders has been quite unavoidable, but all orders received up to date will be executed as soon as possible, at the old quotations.
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Geo. B. Edwards,
Manager.

KLONDIKE.—Mr. GERALD H. SMITH, late of Coolgardie, W.A., who has for the past two years been travelling and working on the Klondike Goldfields, is now open to supply any information concerning these now world-famed Goldfields, such as when and how to go, cheapest route, how much capital required, where to buy outfit, openings for professional, business, and tradesmen, rate of wages, living, &c., &c. Any such information will be sent post free on receipt of 10s 6d, made payable to Gerald H. Smith, 2 Poplar-square, Bayswater, London, England.
All inquiries receive prompt attention, and no man should venture there without some advice, which will save him several pounds by knowing just what to do.
Manager Klondike Information Bureau.
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THE late Firm of
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CLOSED its Business on dissolution of partnership, and all communications should be addressed to the
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Box 388, G.P.O.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership hitherto existing between James Robinson and Frederick Williams, trading as Musgrave and Co., of Randwick, house and land agents, has been This Day Dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be carried on as hitherto by James Robinson, under the same name and at the same address. Dated this 5th day of February, 1898. (Signed) JAMES ROBINSON.

N.S.W. HOME-TEACHING SOCIETY for the BLIND, and INDUSTRIAL HOME for BLIND WOMEN, Strathfield.
The Annual General MEETING of Subscribers will be held THIS DAY at 5 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. Assn. Rooms.
Business: Presentation Annual Report and Balance-sheet and Election Honorary Officers and Committee, &c.
J. M'KERN, Hon. Secretary.

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THE MOUNT DAVID GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Share Register of the Company will be CLOSED against Transfers from SATURDAY, 19th February, to SATURDAY, 26th February, both days inclusive. By order of the Board. H. F. HELDER, Manager.

A.M.P. SOCIETY.—Every Form of Life Assurance for Adults of either sex, and for Children. Interviews at any address arranged by writing to W. GOODMAN, Agent, Box 1290, G.P.O.

I WILL not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by my WIFE, Kezrah Tinker, after this date, February 10th, 1898. (Signed) CHARLES TINKER, Chappel-street, Marrickville.

FRED. R. BRETNALL, Solicitor and Attorney, Lyndhurst-chambers, 84 Elizabeth-st., near King-st.

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I, MRS. ELMS, APOLOGISE to Mrs. WATSON for language used on 7th instant.

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Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of JOHN EDWARD HOLDSWORTH, late of Glenmore-road, near the city of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Ironmonger, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Ninth Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the 23rd day of March next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the said Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executor. Dated this ninth day of February, A.D. 1898. R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Registrar. HOLDSWORTH and SON, Proctors for the Executor, 75 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM GAUNSON, late of Cathcart, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELIZABETH GAUNSON, the Widow, and JAMES GAUNSON and EDWARD GAUNSON, two of the Sons of the deceased, the Executrix and Executors named in the said Will, and all residing at Cathcart aforesaid. W. E. PANTON, Proctor, Bombala. By his Agents, Messrs. SLY and RUSSELL, 379a George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ROBERT PURCELL, late of Carrington, near Newcastle, in the colony of New South Wales, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN PURCELL, one of the Executors named in the said Will, reserving leave for ROBERT PURCELL, the other Executor therein named, hereafter to come in and prove the same. HENRY J. BROWN, Proctor for the Executor, Hunter-street, Newcastle.

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LOST, large Sapphire BROOCH, last Sund., nr. Carey-st., Marrick. Reward. Miss Trehaine, Mark'ville-rd.

LOST, PURSE, Mosman boat, 30s ticket Mittagong, k'p silver, ret. n., ticket. Morning Star, Walker-st., Redf.

LOST, Lady's Ticket Cricket Gd., 1898. Rwd. Cricket Ground Office, Castlereagh-st., Rofe's-chambers.

LOST the morning Headache, now that I stick to Dickens' Whisky.

LOST, Gold Cable BANGLE on Tuesday evening by the half-past 6 boat or between Mosman and Muston-street; reward on delivery.
M. ROHDE, Tivoli, Mosman.

LOST, Fawn Collie SLUT, creamy, photos all police stations; handsome reward groom, Kiss's Stables, or Mr. DOBBIE, Wynyard-buildings. Telephone, 2467.

LOST, on Old South Head-road, Part Bicycle LAMP, oil-well and burner; reward.
475 Bourke-street,
Surry Hills.

LOST, Fawn Cambric BLOUSE, gold solitaires in cuffs, blown from window Petty's Hotel, Friday last, 10s reward.
C. WESTBROOK, 116A Pitt-street.

LOST from Captain's Flat, a Chestnut HORSE, branded a diamond on near shoulder, little J inside, two white hind feet, a sandcrack on the off hind foot. I gave full receipt to Mr. J. Sharman, of Captain's Flat.
JOHN POLKE.

LOST, at Cootamundra, LETTER OF CREDIT, No. 1212, dated January 4, 1898, drawn by London Bank of Australia, Ltd., Sussex-street, Sydney, in favour of O. G. Matthews, for One Hundred Pounds sterling (£100). Payment thereunder stopped. Banks and others cautioned not to negotiate. Finder requested to return to
ROBERT LITTLE and CO.,
Sydney, Feb. 9, 1898. 156 and 158 Sussex-street.

REWARD.—Lost, Sun., at Zoo, Lady's Silver Watch, please return to Mrs. Wickes, 85 Parkes-st., C'down.

REWARD.—LOST, Pair Gold-rimmed SPECTACLES, Sunday night, between Penkivil-street, Bondi, and Wesleyan Church, Waverley, probably left in 'bus. Apply Morcombe, Bondi Junction.

STRAYED from Llandudno, Old South Head-road, Waverley, small Black and Tan Rough Haired SKYE TERRIER, has broken tail, name "Tibby."
Reward at above address.

UMBRELLA lost, Elizabeth-st., near Park-st. Tramway Office. Reward. Herald Office, after 8 p.m.

FOUND in Herald Office, Gold CROSS. Apply Counter Clerk, Herald Office.

MARRICKVILLE POUND.—One Black Pony Mare for Sale This Day at Noon.

MARRICKVILLE.—Impounded 1 Bay Horse, branded like T near shoulder, star on forehead, knees scarred.

POUND, Manly.—6 Horses for Sale This Day, 12, 2 Ponies, 3 Harness Horses, 1 Stallion. John Farrell.

RANDWICK POUND.—Bay Horse, indistinct brand, like MB over T over = nr. shldr., Sale, This Day, 12.

STRAYED into our yard, heavy Draught HORSE with leading harness on. Brennan Bros., 401 Sussex-st.

Meetings.

DARLINGTON FREETRADE AND LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.
MEETING TO-NIGHT, at Rooms, Glengarry Castle Hotel, Wells-street, at 8 o'clock. Election of officers, &c. Freetrade electors cordially invited to attend and enrol.

WAHROONGA, WAITARA, HORNSBY, HORNSBY JUNCTION, and DISTRICT.—A General MEETING of the Inhabitants and Property Owners of the abovenamed localities will be held at the HORNSBY HOTEL, opposite Waitara station, PEAT'S FERRY-ROAD, on THURSDAY, the 10th instant, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of choosing a suitable RECREATION GROUND for the District.
GEORGE COLLINGRIDGE,
Hon. Sec. pro tem.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHAMBER OF MINES.
NOTICE.
An Adjourned MEETING of Members of the N.S.W. Chamber of Mines will be held at the Office, Equitable-building, TO-NIGHT, at 8.
Business:
Further discussion on Mr. De Lissa's papers on the Mining Laws.
J. S. LOW,
Hon. Secretary.

L.O.L., 39.—Official Visit, 204, Protestant Hall, TO-NIGHT. Members requested to attend. Elliott, sec.

GENERAL Gordon, L.O.L., 204, meets to-night, at 8. Off. visit from 17. Every member requested to attend.

TOWN HALL, Sydney.—WEDNESDAY, 16th Feb., 1898.—BANQUET tendered to Mr. WILLIAM KELSO on the occasion of his Departure to England. Tickets at leading hotels. Committee MEETING THURSDAY, 10th, 8 p.m., Garfatt's Hotel. FRED. GANNON, R. H. LEVIEN, M.P., Hon. Secs.

THE MOUNT DAVID GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Annual General MEETING of Shareholders of the Mount David Gold-mining Company, No Liability, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd February, 1898, at 3 p.m., in the Long Room, Mercantile Mutual-chambers, 118 Pitt-street, Sydney. Business: To receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet; to elect a Director in the place of Mr. J. H. M'Phillimy, resigned; to elect two Auditors; and to transact any other business that may be necessary in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Company.
By order of the Board.
H. F. HELDER, Manager.

THE ELSMORE VALLEY TIN-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
The Adjourned Half-yearly MEETING of the Company will take place at the Registered Offices of the Company, Otho-street, Inverell, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at 3 p.m.
Dated the 7th day of February, 1898.
ARTHUR BLOORE,
Legal Manager.

Calls and Dividends on Shares.

THE GOLDEN FLEECE GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
The above Company have this day declared a DIVIDEND of 4d (fourpence) per share on the 24,000 shares of the Company, payable at the office of the Company on the 7th February, 1898.
D. A. MIDDLEMIS,
Legal Manager.
5th February, 1898.

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CABIN TRUNKS.
Regulation depth to fit under Cabin Berths.

Length,	30in.	36in.
Black Twill Canvas, bound stout leather, 18in wide, 1 tray	37s 6d	45s 0d
Ditto, 22in. wide, straps all round, double action lock	45s 0d	55s 0d
Ditto, super quality, London make	52s 6d	60s 0d
Ditto, extra strong, oak battens and 8 leather corners, riveted on, in black rope-back canvas	70s 0d	78s 6d
Ditto, tan-coloured ditto	75s 0d	84s 0d
Sole Leather ditto, 21in. wide, short straps, hardwood battens	75s 0d	90s 0d
Best London-made sole leather, 22in. wide, straps all round, oak battens	105s 0d	126s 0d
Ditto, riveted edges and 8 leather corners, riveted on	135s 0d	168s 0d
Covered Wicker Cabin Trunks, best quality, London made, straps all round, 8 leather corners	—	75s 0d
Compressed Cane Cabin Trunks, with tray, 17in. wide	—	75s 0d
Ditto, 20in. wide	—	97s 6d
Ditto, extra strong, 21in. wide	105s 0d	115s 0d

AMERICAN STEAMER TRUNKS (with tray)—

Sizes,	32in.	36in.
Best quality	34s 6d	78s 6d
Second quality	18s 6d	22s 6d

ENGLISH STEEL CABIN TRUNKS—

Sizes,	27in.	30in.	33in.
Enamelled, in walnut, plain	16s 6d	19s 6d	25s 0d
Ditto, with oak battens	30s 0d	33s 6d	39s 6d

AMERICAN SARATOGA TRUNKS.

Sizes,	28in.	32in.	36in.	40in.
Canvas Covered, 1 tray	22s 6d	26s 6d	30s 0d	—
Superior, 2 or 3 trays, patent lock	40s 0d	49s 6d	52s 6d	57s 6d
Ditto, extra deep, 4 trays	—	—	72s 6d	90s 0d

COVERED WICKER BASKET TRUNKS.

Sizes,	30in.	33in.	36in.	39in.
Flat Top, straps all round, tray, double-action lock	65s 0d	—	77s 6d	—
Round Top, short straps, tray	52s 6d	63s 0d	68s 0d	72s 6d
Round Top, straps all round, extra wide leather binding, and 8 leather corners	68s 0d	72s 6d	77s 6d	—
Ditto, with ash battens, riveted on, all round	—	—	90s 0d	97s 6d

COMPRESSED CANE DRESS TRUNKS.
Round Tops, up to 36in., with one tray; 39in has 2 trays and 2 locks, with straps all round.

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Horses and Vehicles of every description.
Specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

5 USEFUL HARNESS HORSES. 5.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK,
5 Useful Harness Horses, subject to trials.

WANTED, Pony STALLION, 13 to 14 hands, strong and well built, 3 to 6 years old, must be good.
Apply WILLIAM INGLIS and SON, Bazaar, 244 Pitt-street.

NEW VARNISHED D.S. BUGGY.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the Builder to sell, THIS DAY, at 12 O'CLOCK,
New Varnished D.S. Buggy.

THREE HORSES FROM YASS.
W. INGLIS and SON will sell at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, two Brown Geldings, 15 and 15.2; superior Bay, 16 hands, fine match or family horse. The above are all quiet in saddle or harness, and fine ladies' hacks.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.
50 HIGH-CLASS COUNTRY HORSES 50.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. JAMES M'CARTHY, Queanbeyan, to sell by auction, as above, at 2.30 p.m.,
20 HIGH-CLASS COLTS AND FILLIES, direct from the breeder, comprising principally UPSTANDING LIGHT HORSES, possessing plenty of quality and substance; also 'BUS and VAN DESCRIPTIONS, in the pink of condition. Worthy the SPECIAL ATTENTION of INDIAN SHIPPERS, PRIVATE GENTLEMEN, OMNIBUS and CAB PROPRIETORS, and OTHERS.
*** ALL DIRECT FROM THE BREEDER, AND DESCRIBED AS A GRAND LOT.
On account of Mr. CHAS. MARSHALL, HAMPTON—
20 FRESH COUNTRY HORSES, in good condition, reared on cold hilly country.
FULL PARTICULARS LATER.

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, February 10, at 11 o'clock,
On account of Messrs. T. Briggs, D. Buffier, Macintosh Bros., S. M'Minn, and other owners.
60 First-class Milch Cows, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.
At half-past 3 o'clock,
70 First-class Dry and Fat Cattle.

BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, February 10, at half-past 2 o'clock,
30 Prime Fat Calves, from Liverpool and Penrith
40 Ditto ditto ditto, from Camden
70 Prime Fat Pigs, from Goulburn
40 Ditto ditto ditto, from the Hunter River
60 Ditto ditto ditto, from Picton
25 Ditto ditto ditto, suburban lots
20 First-class Store Pigs.

FAT CATTLE. FAT CATTLE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, February 10, at half-past 3 o'clock,
25 Prime Fat Cattle, account D. Bouffier, Esq.
10 Ditto ditto ditto, account S. M'Minn, Esq.
10 Ditto ditto ditto, account G. W. Roberts, Esq.
15 Ditto ditto ditto, account S. Dunn, Esq.
35 First-class dry cattle.

12 FIRST-CLASS PONIES. 12
GEORGE KISS has received instructions from Mr. A. WITTEN, Barraba, to sell by auction, at the Camperdown Yards, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 11th instant, at 2.30 o'clock,
12 High-class Ponies, broken and unbroken. Amongst them is a pair of piebalds, well matched, and great ponies for a journey.

A STRONG, USEFUL SULKY TURNOUT, THIS DAY, 12 o'clock, INGLIS'S BAZAAR.

GEORGE KISS wants to Purchase 2 Pairs Bay MARES, 4 or 5 years old, 15.2 high, well matched.

PICTON.
MONTHLY STOCK SALES.
TO GRAZIERS, DAIRYMEN, DEALERS, and Others.
R. H. INGLIS has received instructions to sell, at his SALEYARDS, PICTON, on SATURDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, 1898, at 1 o'clock,
On account Mr. D. M'KINNON, Oaks:
60 Choice Springing Cows.
These cows have all been inspected by the auctioneer. They are really a very fine lot, in splendid condition, and from one to four weeks of calving. With one or two exceptions they bear Mr. M'Kinnon's well-known brand, DK, and are without doubt the best lot of springers yarded for a very long time.
On account Mr. T. M. DUNN, Picton:
40 really first-class Dairy Heifers, 2 years old. These heifers are all Mr. Dunn's own breeding, and bear his own TMD brand only, and will be found equal to previous consignments.
On account Mr. M. MULHOLLAND, Picton:
55 Head of Mixed Cattle, comprising Dairy Heifers, Dry Cows, and Steers.
On account Mr. GEO. HANGER, Spring Creek:
25 Choice Dairy Heifers, 1½ to 2½ years
15 Springing Cows
5 Fat Cows.
On account Mr. JOHN QUIG, Burragorang:
30 Head of Mixed Cattle, in good condition.
On account Mr. H. BOFF, Picton:
30 Head of Mixed Cattle.
The above will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., will sell, THIS DAY, at their Circular Quay Stores,
Hair, Horns, Bones, &c.

PRODUCE SALES.
SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.
SALES by AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, Thursday, as under:—
HAIR, HORNS, and BONES.—At the various Stores, at 9.30 a.m.

KENSINGTON.—Residences, Cottages, and Allotments. AUCTION SALE on Ground 3 p.m. NEXT SAT. Torrens. Terms, lithos.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

Auction Sales.

DALWOOD AND CO.,
FINE ART and FURNITURE AUCTIONEERS.
To LADIES and GENTLEMEN FURNISHING with TASTE, FURNITURE BROKERS, and OTHERS.
ATTRACTIVE AND TOTALLY UNRESERVED SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION, of ELEGANT and COSTLY FURNITURE, PIANOFORTES, VALUABLE BRONZES, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M., AT THE ROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET.
Under favoured instructions from R. E. BLACKWELL, Esq., CLAREMONT, LINCOLN-STREET, DULWICH HILL.
The Whole of his very Elegant and Costly Furnishings have been removed to our SPACIOUS ROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET, for adequate display.
CUT GLASSWARE, ELECTROPLATE, CHINA DINNER and TEA SERVICES.
HANDSOME 6ft. SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD, of English manufacture, designed in bold proportions, fitted up in the most modern style and finish.
MASSIVE DINING-ROOM SUITE, 9 Pieces, WALNUT FRAMES, upholstered in MOROCCOS.
SUPERB BOOKCASE, size 4ft. 6in. fitted with movable shelves, in fine order.
WALNUT EXTENSION DINING-TABLE, size 8ft., fitted with two spare leaves and pat. screw.
THREE-TIER WALNUT DINNER WAGGON.
OVERMANTELS of charming designs in WALNUT, fitted with bev. plate-glass and shelves for display of bric-a-brac.
MAGNIFICENT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, the VICTOR, in ebony case, full iron frame, trichord, overstrung, possessing all the most modern improvements, brilliant tone and touch, combined with perfect resonance.
Four other PIANOFORTES by Eminent Makers.
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE of 7 pieces, of ARTISTIC DESIGN and Finish, uphols. in Genoa Velvet and Plush.
RICHLY-BORDERED BRUSSEL CARPET SQUARES of charming design, sizes 12 x 12, 12 x 10.6.
HEARTHRUGS, LINOLEUMS.
WALNUT CARD TABLES, BAMBOO OC. TABLES.
Cabinets of rare design and finish.
MASSIVE three-winged BEDROOM SUITE, of special design, comprising 6ft. Wardrobe, fitted with two bevelled plate-glass doors, pair Ped. Toilets, Cupboard and Towel Rail en suite.
HANDSOME 4ft. 6in. H.-T. BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, sanitary Wire-wove and Horsehair Mattresses.
WALNUT HALL STAND and CHAIR en suite.
HIGH-ARM SINGER SEWING MACHINE.
BEDROOM SUITES in WALNUT and ASH.
3ft. and 2ft. 6in. H.T. BEDSTEAD, Wire-wove and Kapok Mattress complete.
CHINA SETS OF TOILETWARE.
ENCLOSED KITCHEN DRESSER, fitted with sliding glass doors. Splendid EUREKA GAS STOVE, 410. This stove has only been in use three months.
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY UTENSILS.
A really high-class stock of ELECTRO-PLATED-WARE and Enamel-ware is sent in for unreserved sale from a leading cafe. HOTEL PROPRIETORS and RESTAURANT-KEEPERS should attend this IMPORTANT SALE.

DALWOOD AND CO. have received instructions from R. E. BLACKWELL, Esq., to conduct this important sale as above.
ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
FURNITURE DEALERS and the TRADE are respectfully invited to attend this IMPORTANT SALE, as every line must be sold
WITHOUT RESERVE.

IN A VERY HEALTHY SUBURB—ENFIELD.
A REAL GOOD THING FOR SOMEBODY.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m.
FINE RESIDENCE and 3 ACRES LAND, known as CHATSWORTH, TAVISTOCK-ST., ENFIELD (close tram terminus and George's River-road).
ALSO, the ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANOFORTE, ORGAN, VILLAGE CART, VAN, TOOLS, &c.
ALL FOR SALE BY AUCTION on premises, in consequence of owner, Walter Piatts, Esq., entering into business in Westralia.
The House is Two-storied, with Balconies and Verandahs 3 sides, built of brick, with red tiled roof, 6 fine rooms and all offices, city water, gardens, paddocks, stables, and buggy houses.
To be Sold on Easy Terms. Interest 6 p.c.
If not Sold will be LET for Term to good Tenant.
The FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS are in excellent order, and for UNRESERVED SALE, and should be inspected before SALE THIS DAY.
The PIANOFORTE will be a Chance for a Buyer, and Persons Furnishing in a Plain Sensible Way should Attend.
Terms for Furniture—CASH BEFORE DELIVERY.
STRONGMAN and WATSON, Auctioneers and Estate Agents.
Tel., 1 Burwood.
N.B.—Buyers from Ashfield way should take tram to terminus. Driver will point out the house close by. Pleasant walk for residents of Croydon Park, Rosedale, Harcourt, Enfield, and Druitt Town.

THIS DAY, 10th FEBRUARY.
At the City Mart, at 11 o'clock.
50 Cases BRUCE'S HERRINGS in TOMATO SAUCE
50 Cases Wyatt's Imported MARMALADE
50 Cases Stephens's Imported MARMALADE
1000 Boxes New Khadowis DATES
18 Cases Colman's BLUE, each 1cwt.
17 Cases Duryea's BLUE STARCH, each 1cwt.
5 Cases 1896 BOHEMIAN HOPS, each 4cwt.
Also,
10 Cases REFINED SUGAR.
With all Faults.
FRASER, UTHER, and CO. will sell by auction, the above.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30.
MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction at Hay and George sts., Bedsteads, Spring Mattresses, Bedding, Household Furniture, S'g Machine, Clothing, &c. No Res.

Continuation Sale, BUILDING MATERIALS, foot Liverpool-street, close to Darling Gates, FRIDAY, Feb. 11, at 11 o'clock, first-class Lot, Bds., Joists, Studs, &c., &c., 6in. Cor. Iron, Window Sashes, Piping, &c.
GEO. F. BAINES sells as above. Buyers invited.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—The SALE of FURNITURE advertised to take place This Day at Collins, off Crown-street, is POSTPONED.
GEO. F. BAINES, Auctioneer, Petersham.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
ROBERT F. ROYAN begs to announce that he has been favoured with instructions to sell by Public Auction,
The Whole of the Household FURNITURE and Effects on the Premises, Bohemia, North Steyne, Manly, on TUESDAY Next, the 15th instant.
For fuller particulars see later advertisement.
ROBT. F. ROYAN, Auctioneer, Manly.

MOSMAN'S BAY.—Choice Sites, Next SAT., 3 p.m. Lithos, Torrens, tms. Richardson and Wrench, Ltd.

WEEKLY STOCK SALE.
ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Sydney Stock Saleyards, at the rear of 791 George-street South, entrance Valentine-lane, THIS DAY.
At 11 o'clock:
Milch Cows, Springers, dry and fat cattle.
At half-past 2,
Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, &c.
30 Very Prime Fat Vealers, ex Goolabenban
40 Ditto ditto Corn-fed Baconers, ex Singleton
50 Ditto ditto ditto ditto ditto, ex Camden
40 Ditto ditto ditto ditto Porkers, ex Camden
50 Ditto ditto ditto ditto ditto, ex Singleton
40 Superior Store Pigs, ex rail.

ARNOTT'S
MILK ARROWROOTS,
THE CHILDREN'S BISCUITS.
ASK FOR ARNOTT'S.

Auction Sales

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, at 11 a.m.
FOR SALE BY AUCTION.
AT THE MART, 109 PITT-STREET.
under positive instructions from Consignees.
INVOICES of CHOICE and SEASONABLE DRAPERY, comprising
Men's Natural Wool Hosiery in Sox, Undervests, Pants, Sanitary Bands, &c., Men's Flannelette and Cotton Harvard Shirts, Men's Silk Striped Tennis Shirts, C and F, Invoice of 2 Cases Ladies' Straw Hats, Invoice of 2 Cases Men's 8joz. Zephyr Felts, 2 Cases Men's Tweed Trousers ex mail steamer, 2 Cases Fancy Tweed Suitings and Trouserings, 2 Bales White Honeycomb Quilts, 1 Case Slate Silesias (heavy), and several Balances of Open Stock. 350 SAXONY BLANKETS, assorted colours, 70 x 50.
Also,
A Trial Shipment of very choice INDIAN SILK EMBROIDERED GOODS, including
Dresses and Dressing Gowns, Bed-covers, Chair Backs, Table-covers, Table Centre Drapes, Cushions, &c., &c.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, at 11 a.m.
FOR POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.
Under instructions from THE IMPORTERS.
TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.
A LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT of DINING AND DRAWING ROOM FURNITURE, comprising
MAGNIFICENT SUITES, splendidly upholstered in Morocco leather, Eastern saddlebags and velvets, silk brocade, Genoa velvets, &c.
ELEGANT EASY and OCCASIONAL CHAIRS
ARTISTIC BAMBOO HALL STANDS, &c., &c.
1 AMERICAN ORGAN, 11 stops.
Also,
A LARGE COLLECTION of VERY SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, REMOVED TO THE ROOMS FOR CONVENIENCE OF SALE.
HENRY HARRIS and COMPANY
(late HARRIS and ACKMAN),
AUCTIONEERS and VALUATORS,
109 PITT-STREET.

FRIDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, AT 11 A.M.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION at LAWSON and SMITH'S AUCTION ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET (near King-street).
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE. Under Bill of Sale.
SUPERIOR FURNITURE and EFFECTS, Removed from A PRIVATE RESIDENCE AT ROCKDALE, and on account of other vendors.
SUPERIOR FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, including
GLASS, CHINA, and ELECTROPLATE
HANDSOME WALNUT SIDEBOARD, with Silvered Bevelled Edged Plateglass Back, Cellarette Trays, and Drawers
WALNUT TELESCOPE DINING TABLE, with patent Screw and Spare Leaves
WALNUT DINNER WAGGONS
VERY SUPERIOR DINING-ROOM SUITE, consisting of Couch, 2 Easy Chairs, and Six Dining Chairs, Upholstered in Morocco Leather.
MASSIVE WALNUT HALLSTAND, SMALL TANN'S IRON SAFE.
LOUNGE EASY CHAIRS, Upholstered in Saddle Bags.
REGULATOR CLOCK, 32-day, in Trunk Case.
VALUABLE PIANOFORTE by RONISCH, in Walnut Case, a Superb Instrument, of the highest grade, and equal to new.
DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS.
BEDROOM FURNITURE and REQUISITES, and GENERAL HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.
FIRST-CLASS SINGER SEWING MACHINE, &c., &c., &c.
JAMES R. LAWSON (LAWSON and SMITH) has been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, as above,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, at 11 O'CLOCK.

TO THE WHOLESALE FURNISHING TRADE.
On Account and Risk of Shippers.
TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.
AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.
The whole of the Balance of BLEACHED CANE and RATTAN FURNITURE, consisting of
DRAWING-ROOM SETTEES and COUCHES,
DRAWING-ROOM, OCCASIONAL, and RECEPTION CHAIRS,
ARMCHAIRS, VERANDAH CHAIRS, LOUNGES and LOUNGE CHAIRS, CHILDREN'S CHAIRS, &c., &c.
Also,
20 ROLLS CHINA MATTING and SLIPS, ex Strathdon,
75 WALNUT OVERMANTELS (bevelled plates and new designs).
A. TRAVERSI and CO. will sell the above, at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, February 11, at 11 o'clock sharp.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street,
The Unredeemed Sundries and Jewellery pledged with J. J. Burt and Co., of 155 George-street, West.
At 11 o'clock, Sundries, comprising E.P. Salvers, Eggstands, Cruets, Flower Stands, quantity of first-class Forks and Spoons, Guns, Musical Instruments, &c.
At 12 o'clock: Jewellery, consisting of Gold and silver Watches, Gold Alberts, Necklets, Lockets, Bangles, Brooches, Earrings, Pins, Links, &c.

To Watchmakers, Jewellers, Pawnbrokers, Jewellery Dealers, and Others.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
IMPORTANT SALE OF A WELL-SELECTED WATCHMAKER AND JEWELLER'S STOCK.
JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions to sell by auction at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 o'clock,
The Stock of a country Jeweller and Watchmaker.
Full particulars in to-morrow's Herald.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2.30 o'clock.
AT 41 BROADWAY, GLEBE.
J. BROWN and CO. will sell by auction for W. Hays, Esq., his
Well-selected Household FURNITURE and Appointments of 8 rooms—
Splendid Iron-framed Piano, by Neufeld, cost 65 guineas, in good order and tone
Dining and Drawing Room Suites
Several Chests Drawers, Telescope Table
Brass-mounted Double and Single Bedsteads and Bedding, Marble-top Washstands
Black and Gold, Walnut and Gilt Overmantels
Ice Chest, Mangle, Linoleum, and Carpets
Singer and Wertheim Sewing Machines, including splendid improved tailor's machine.
No Reserve.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 10.30 o'clock.
At 87 Broadway, Glebe, opposite Park.
J. BROWN and CO. have been instructed by owner to sell by auction the surplus Household Furniture and Effects of 6-roomed house—
Sideboard, Chest Drawers, Washstand Ware
Chairs, Tables, Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Bedding, Commode, Oilcloth, Tubs, Saucepans
Canaries and Cages, and host of Useful Effects for furnishing.

THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 10th, at 10 a.m.
On the Premises, Simmons-street, Enmore.
A. G. JENKINS has been instructed to sell Piano, Household Furniture, and Effects.
Absolutely without reserve.

THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 10th, at 12.30 p.m.
On the Premises, Little Edward-street, Pyrmont.
A. G. JENKINS has been instructed to sell Household Furniture and Effects. No reserve.

Estate of E. H. ROBIN, of Parkside, Fitzroy-street, Croydon.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m., on the Premises, Fitzroy-street, Croydon.
By Order of the Official Assignee.
Superior Sale by auction of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, ELECTROPLATE, OIL PAINTINGS, WATER COLOURS, and ETCHINGS.
C. F. W. LLOYD and CO. will sell by auction on TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m., the above.
Without Reserve. Terms, Cash.

KENSINGTON.—Residences, Cottages, and Allotments. AUCTION SALE on Ground 3 p.m. NEXT SAT. Torrens. Terms, lithos.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

Auction Sales.

ORDER OF SALE OF PROPERTIES to be SUBMITTED by PUBLIC AUCTION, THIS DAY, at 11.30, by HUGH DUFF and CO., at their SALE ROOMS, 109 PITT-STREET.

PETERSHAM, Westbourne-street.	Together or separately	FENOLA, COTTAGE RESIDENCE, 7 rooms, kit., pantry, bathroom, washhouse, sheds, &c., garden. Land 108 x 100 to lane at rear.
PETERSHAM, adjoining above.		Splendid Block, 112 x 108ft.
NEWTOWN, 479 King-street.		IMPERATIVE SALE.—SIR WILLIAM WALLACE HOTEL, leased 15 years, 3 years £143 p. a. net, and £156 p. a. net for residue.
NEWTOWN, 500 King-street.		W.B. COTTAGE, lath and plaster, 5 rms., kit., shed, land 30 x 87
LEICHHARDT, 26, 28 Redmond-street.		2 COTTAGES, 3 and 2 rooms respectively, k., w.h., shed, l. 40 x 150.
SUMMER HILL, Louisa-street (7, 9, 11, 13).		4 Brick HOUSES, ea. 4 rooms, kitchen, verandah, and balconies. Annual RENTS, 27?. Torrens.
DULWICH HILL, Canonbury Grove.		WARWICK, Brick COTTAGE, 6 rooms, kit., bathroom, pantry, conservatory, coachhouse, and stables, every convenience.
ROOKWOOD, Park-rd. and Fifth-av.		ALLOTMENT, 110 x 120.
LUDDENHAM, Bringelly.		BLOCK of 9½ ACRES, cr. Orphan School-road and Cox's-road.

Further particulars from HUGH DUFF and CO., AUCTIONEERS, 109 PITT-STREET.

ORDER OF SALE.
SHARES.
CITY and SUBURBAN PROPERTIES to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.
SHARES.—211 Civil Service Mutual Building and Investment Society, fully paid up. Intestate Estate.
PADDINGTON.—Cottage, Orlander, No. 180 Paddington-street, between Elizabeth-street and Point Piper-road.
WOOLLAHRA.—Two Cottages, Nos. 222 and 222½ Point Piper-road, north of Sutherland-street. Leasehold.
MARRICKVILLE.—Cottage, Orwell, Enmore-road, opposite Park. Mortgagee's Sale.
SUMMER HILL.—Cottage, Elderslie, Nowranie-street, close to Railway Station.
DULWICH HILL.—Cottage Residence, Manutenthia, and Land, George-street and Wardell-road.
GUILDFORD.—Barber's Estate Subdivision, in Blocks of 5 to 10 acres each. Deceased Estate.
INTEREST of Mrs. E. Smith, under will of John Slate, deceased, in A. M. P. Society Life Policies of £100 and £200 respectively.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

KENSINGTON.
THE MODEL SUBURB, CLOSE TO THE CITY.
Charming Tram Ride en route, 2d.
Wide Roads, well laid out, water, gas.
PICTURESQUE STATION.
Varied attractive designs of architecture, having a pleasing effect in presentment.
RESIDUE of the First SUBDIVISIONS is now offered to the public with the bona-fide intention to sell on the part of the ESTATE PROPRIETORS on their very liberal terms, viz.:—10 per cent. deposit, balance extending over six years half-yearly at 5½ per cent. interest per annum.
TITLE IS TORRENS.
AUCTION SALE on the GROUND, SATURDAY NEXT, 3 p.m. Get litho.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.

RYDE DISTRICT,
a healthy and picturesque suburb, reached by train and steamer.
FOR ABSOLUTE SALE.
RESIDENCE, with over 3½ ACRES of LAND fronting BELMORE-STREET, a few minutes' walk from Steamers' wharf, and handy to Meadow Bank and Ryde Railway Stations.
*** For STABILITY, DESIGN, and CONVENIENCES this HOME is equal to any in RYDE BOROUGH.
INSPECTION PARTICULARLY INVITED. Card to view on application to Auctioneers.
THE TERMS WILL BE LIBERAL.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 25th February, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above most substantially erected and highly finished Residence in Ryde district.
Full particulars of accommodation will appear in advertisement in issue of next Saturday's S. M. Herald. Plan on view at Rooms. (321)

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
SURRY HILLS.—TERRACE of six BRICK-BUILT HOUSES, Nos. 37 to 47 ANN-STREET, each containing 5 rooms, kitchen, laundry, bathroom, and good yard. Total Rents, £215 16s per annum. Torrens Title.
HARDIE and GORMAN (in conjunction with Messrs. WALKER BROS.), have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, February 23rd, 1898,
The above-described INVESTMENT at SURRY HILLS.
Full Particulars will be advertised in Next Saturday's paper.

MULGOA IRRIGATION WORKS, MULGOA.
Adjoining Penrith, on the Great Western Railway.
The Land contains an area of about 378 ACRES, on which has been erected at GREAT COST a MOST COMPLETE PUMPING PLANT, with every appliance for lifting the water from the NEPEAN RIVER to the RESERVOIR constructed on the hill above MULGOA TOWNSHIP, from whence the water is conveyed by means of open flues and tunnels some seven or eight miles towards ST. MARYS Township, through some thousands of acres, which would be highly improved by irrigation.
Provision has been made to supply the land en route with water for IRRIGATION and DOMESTIC PURPOSES, and it only remains for the River dam to be constructed to start irrigation operations. Nearly £70,000 has already been expended on the property, and some few thousands would COMPLETE the works. An opportunity is given by this Sale to secure a CAPITAL INVESTMENT at a greatly reduced cost, the buyer taking all the benefits of the late Irrigation Company, which include the RESUMING RIGHTS over about 18,000 acres of land. A list of the costly pumping plant, which has recently been tested, can be seen at our Rooms.
Among the improvements may be mentioned a comfortable brick with tiled roof Office and Cottage; Fences erected on either side of the Canal, which has been cut for a distance of some seven or eight miles; a large reservoir constructed, connecting pipes laid, and various other matters incidental to the works.
Large areas of land in the immediate vicinity of the works are at present in a state of nature, and, no doubt, with the recognised advantages of regular and abundant water supply, owners would be glad to use the water, for which a fair charge can be made under the Act.
A good road runs from Penrith to the works, so that communication is easy.
The Title to the Land is Torrens.
Messrs. Street and Paterson, Solicitors, Bond-street.
To Syndicates, Investors, Speculators, Companies, and others.
J. R. GREEN and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 110 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock, THIS DAY, 10th FEBRUARY,
The whole of the MULGOA IRRIGATION WORKS, Plant, Buildings, &c., as described above.
Orders to view can be obtained, and arrangements made for inspection.

SALE BY AUCTION.
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Municipal Elections.
BOROUGH OF ASHFIELD. NOTICE is hereby given that Alderman FRANCIS JACOB JOSEPHSON has been duly elected MAYOR of this Borough for the current municipal year. THOS. GLASSOP, Council Clerk. Town Hall, Ashfield, February 9, 1898.
BOROUGH OF BOTANY.—NOTICE is hereby given [illegible]
BOROUGH OF MOSMAN. NOTICE is hereby given that Alderman JAMES BULL ALDERSON has been duly elected MAYOR of this Borough for the current municipal year. GEO. F. M. WITHERS, Council Clerk. Council-chambers, Mosman, February 9th, 1898.

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NOTES ON AUSTRALIAN AND IMPERIAL TOPICS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, New Year's Eve.

The atmosphere of Christmas festivity is still about us, but gradually we are getting back to work again. This is the day conventionally sacred to reviews of the past and forecasts of the future, and those good resolutions which, as a writer in "Punch" reminds us, are so habitually made and so persistently broken. There can be no doubt as to what the prevailing feeling is as to the year now ending. It has been above all things a great year for the Empire—a year such as we have never seen before and, the pessimists say, we are never likely to see again. "If our colonies were cut adrift from us to-morrow," said a rising young politician over the dinner table the other day, "1897 will be a landmark in the history of the Empire." It was an enthusiast who was speaking, but I could mention one or two very old men indeed, who have served the State in various capacities all their lives, and who are apt, in an ordinary way, to take a cynical view of human affairs, who are not ashamed to own that they are glad to have lived to see this year. As far as the people of the mother country are concerned there is absolutely no doubt that 1897 will be memorable, not merely for the intense interest awakened in the distant parts of the Empire by the incidents of the Jubilee, but by the striking spread of knowledge in regard to colonial matters. I am told that a certain well-known Sydney politician, who was over here in the spring and summer, and who delivered one or two addresses, declared to some friends that he had met English people so ignorant of colonial matters that they had actually asked him what language was spoken in Australia. But, speaking seriously, there is no doubt that the British public has shown in the past a plentiful lack of knowledge in regard to our colonial empire; and the reason is not far to seek. The bulk of the community depends on the educative influence of the press, and the press here as elsewhere devotes its energies to those questions which are "topical." Fortunately the colonies have been topical enough all this year, with the result that there has been a wider diffusion of information in the course of a few months than would otherwise have been the case in a generation.

But if the record of the present year as regards the Empire is altogether brilliant, what about the year which is just opening? Well, we are none of us prophets, and forebodings and pleasant anticipations are equally apt to be falsified. But I must again place on record the fact to which I have already referred, that in what are called "well-informed quarters"—that is to say among men for whom politics may be regarded more or less as the business of their lives—there exists an uneasy sense that the coming year may be pregnant with unpleasant surprises for us. In short, while 1897 has seen an unparalleled display of the power and unity of the Empire, the events of 1898 may be destined to put these qualities to a practical test. No doubt the clouds which have suddenly arisen in what we call the Far East are responsible for this. China, for a time, has taken the place of Turkey as the "sick man," and every day still adds to the crop of theories and wild rumours. As a fact, nothing is really known in this country outside the Foreign Office, and it seems very doubtful whether the Foreign Office knows much itself. But amateur explanations are as plentiful as blue-bottles in summer weather. One day we are provided with a detailed account of a suppositious arrangement between Russia and Germany for the partition of the sick man's possessions—as far as possible to the exclusion of England. Next day we learn that Germany's action is intended as a direct counterblast to the policy of Russia, and that the Kaiser is acting upon a distinct friendly understanding with Lord Salisbury. Then we are told about an impending joint demonstration of the English and Japanese fleets in Chinese waters, and only yesterday I heard it positively asserted by an official person who is supposed here to be somewhat of an authority that Japan had decided on an initiative of her own, and was preparing to make a desperate effort to put a stop, once for all—and at any cost—to the interference of the European Powers in what the Japanese Forward Party regards as Japan's proper sphere of influence and future inheritance. That we are on the eve of a crisis seems at the time I write to be taken for granted on all hands. But quite apart from the question of the Far East, which has been suddenly sprung upon us, there has been steadily growing up for a considerable time a feeling that the keen colonial competition which is going on among the Powers and the tension created by the constant addition to warlike armaments are bound to bring matters to a climax. Is it to come in 1898?

When we were at the height of our Imperial fervour a few months ago the question was mooted whether a name could not be found which would apply properly to every citizen of Great and Greater Britain. The suggestion was said—though I do not know whether this is true—to have originated with Mr. Balfour, who is a Scotchman by birth. The idea was that we might have a term which would cover all parts of the empire, and with a philological modification be applicable to all subjects of the Queen. Some ingenious suggestions were offered by learned people, but they did not come to anything. Now, however, the matter has assumed an acute form, owing to the agitation which has been on foot for some time among Scotchmen—I ought to say Scotsmen—in regard to the use of the word "England" as an alternative for "Great Britain." A most elaborate, and very long, petition has just been presented to the Queen herself on the subject, signed by 53 Scottish members of Parliament, some Scotch peers, a number of Scotch municipal bodies, and over a hundred thousand Scotchmen belonging to the general community. A good many of these it seems are Australian, Canadian, and South African Scots. The formidable allegation is even made that if English is to substituted for British the result will be to seriously compromise the relations between Great Britain and Britain beyond the seas. "If the self-governing colonies are to be compelled to regard England and not Britain as the only representative of their common nationality then the binding tie of national sentiment will not only be greatly weakened, but a feeling of divergence and even of antagonism will be engendered"—which, to put matters shortly, will lead to separation. It would be interesting to know what the Scotsmen in Australia really think of this. I have tried before this to get at the true feeling of Scotsmen here on this point, but from old experience I have too much respect for the dry humour, of what, in spite of all that is said, is in its own way one of the most humorous races under the sun to think that I have succeeded. I put the question to a Scotch friend of mine who is certainly not ashamed of the country of his birth, as to how far the grievance was to be regarded seriously. "Weel," he said, "it's just as ye tak' it,"—an oracular utterance which did not help me at all, but which Scotsmen over the seas may be able to interpret.

At the same time I believe it must be admitted that there is some truth in the allegation that the words England and English are being rather unduly substituted for Britain and British. But this is much less due to the causes which the petitioners appear to imagine—such as the use of the terms in treaties and by official people—as to literary aptitude and the mere convenience of everyday speech. Unfortunately the word British would not cover everything. The Irish strongly resent the term, and they would be the first to make themselves heard if Scottish susceptibilities were consulted and their own ignored, and yet supposing that a man wants to write a song declaring, let us say, in the words of a well-known one that "deny it who can, there's nothing in the world like being an Englishman," can be fairly asked to substitute "an inhabitant of Great Britain, Ireland, and the colonies." When Tennyson wrote of the "strong new England of the southern pole," could he very well have put in the place of that ringing line the "strong Great Britain and Ireland," Wales might claim to be specifically mentioned in the metaphor, and even the Isle of Man since Mr. Hall Caine has rendered it famous might have had a word to say. Still, I am bound to say that the matter seems to have been taken seriously by some classes, for at several political meetings of late I have heard an orator shouted at for substituting "English" for "British." Mr. John Morley is a special offender in this way, and this is very awkward seeing that he sits for a Scotch constituency.

I hear that Lieutenant Cecil W. Lamb, who came over here with a detachment of the New South Wales Artillery at the time of the Jubilee, has been occupying his time with a special course of instruction at the Woolwich Artillery College on electricity, steam mechanism, hydro, pneumatic and quick firing, mountings and mechanism generally as applied to ordnance. This is prior to his beginning the long course of instruction at Shoeburyness early next month. Lieutenant Lamb has passed in the subjects named. In the course of his studies he visited some of the large electrical works in the neighbourhood of London. I hear too that Captain H. H. Sandford is still pursuing his course of instruction, though he is at present uncertain whether he has to go through the firemasters' course. Captain Lassetter will be returning to Australia shortly. I fancy he will be able to take back with him the record on the whole of a very pleasant visit. He had to endure a great deal of festivity at the Jubilee time, but since then he has had the opportunity of plenty of quiet observation, which he will no doubt turn to practical account.

This Christmas season has been a great one for pantomime throughout the country generally. It is said, in fact, there are over 100 pantomimes going. The rapid growth in the number of suburban theatres is partly responsible for this, as in all these places of amusement it is thought necessary that this class of entertainment should be provided. In the suburbs and the provinces at all events it is evident that the details of the Jubilee spectacle have not been forgotten, for generally when a stage crowd is congregated there are to be found more or less prominent groups intended to be representative of the Colonial forces, who, at the time, took the imagination of the British public by storm. Perhaps the stalwart young ladies who are made occasionally to appear in the uniform —or something approaching it—of New South Wales Lancers, may be more charming than as the art critics say "convincing;" but no doubt they help to give variety to the show. At miscellaneous exhibitions the cinematograph, too, is at the present holiday season doing a great deal to bring home the more prominent features of the great spectacle to people who had not an opportunity of witnessing it for themselves. So that, though to us in London the Jubilee celebrations seem now almost to belong to the dim and distant past, our country cousins are still applauding the counterfeit presentments of our colonial visitors. In the metropolis the heroes of the hour are the Gordon Highlanders and the plucky Afridis. A popular show is not worth much just now which leaves the frontier campaign out of account, though I am afraid it must be admitted that it has not altogether filled people in official quarters with unbounded satisfaction.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

AS IT IS AND AS IT OUGHT TO BE.

THE RIFLE ASSOCIATION'S REJOINDER.

The report of the military committee appointed to represent rifle shooting as it is carried out under the auspices of the National Rifle Association, published in the "Herald" yesterday, created a considerable amount of consternation among the friends of the association. By the chairman of the council of the association (Lieutenant-Colonel Longfield) it was regarded as wholly unfair because, he said, it was entirely ex parte, and no attempt was made by the writers of it to present any fact which told in the least degree in favour of the system at present carried out by the council of the association. Colonel Longfield said that it was only by making the association popular that they could hope to maintain it in existence. If rifle shooting as it was promoted by the association depended wholly upon the support which it derived from the Government, there might be some reason in proposing that the military authorities should dictate what the policy of the association should be, and should draft out the programme of each meeting. Taking the returns for last year they showed that the receipts amounted to about £3000, of which sum only one-third was granted by the Government, the remaining £2000 being subscribed by members. So that if the amount subscribed or granted was to govern the degree of representation which the Government or the military was entitled to, then the military representation on the council ought to be only equal to one-third of the total number of the council. During the last 20 years the association had distributed in prizes £21,000 in excess of the sums granted by the Government, and had also borne the cost of management. It was true that the rifle associations were irresponsible to the military authorities, but that was quite in accord with the views of the late Major-General Richardson, who laid it down that it was desirable that they should not be under military control in any respect. It was, Colonel Longfield said, a noteworthy fact that during the long term of office of General Richardson not the slightest friction ever arose between him and the association, and the deceased gentleman never in any single instance disapproved of the actions of the council of the association. Colonel Longfield regarded the allusion to "professional shots" as altogether uncalled for, and pointed out that the policy pursued by the council in regard to inviting competitors from the other colonies had a federalising tendency. He thought that whatever might be said in favour of collective shooting, the fact had been overlooked by the committee that the policy of the council of the association was such as to qualify men to take part in collective shooting. If men were to be of any value as riflemen they must be trained in the use of the rifle, and it was the right kind of training that they got at the instance of the council. If the idea of the committee was given effect to in regard to the composition of the council, and one-half of the council were to consist of military nominees, the outcome of any such arrangement would be this, that the civilian half would not be able to carry out their views, and the result would be that a deadlock would ensue. The fact was altogether overlooked that the composition of the council at the present time was such that the members of it were almost wholly men who had been in the military force. And as the General was the president of the council, he should either have attempted to introduce some reform if desired from within, or should have refused to become president of a council with whose policy he was not in accord.

ALEXANDRIA RIFLE CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Alexandria Rifle Club the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. G. Anderson, M.L.A.; hon. secretary, Mr. E. Street; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. A. Layton; committee, Messrs. M'Cauley, Johnston, Hunt, Larbalister, and Skelton.

WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

A meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board was held yesterday under the presidency of Colonel Rowe. Among the documents presented was an abstract of money collected from July 1, 1897, to February 5, 1898, showing the amount to be £148,509 11s 5d, as against £139,767 8s 2d for the same period of the previous year, or an increase of £8742 3s 3d; and also a diagram showing the height of water in the Prospect reservoir, and a return of the quantity flowing into and out of the same during the week ended 5th instant, the average daily outflow being 20,199,000 gallons. It was stated in a report that the total length of sewerage laid since July 1 last was 25 miles 135 yards. It was resolved not to comply with the request of the chief staff officer that the board should allow half of one year's rent paid by the military authorities for the use of the Botany water reserve towards the cost of the erection of caretaker's quarters thereon. It was also decided that the secretary to the board should write to the managing director of the Hotel Metropole to the effect that the board did not feel justified in allowing some concession to consumers of water to the extent of 6,000,000 gallons and over per annum. The assessor to the board wrote to the effect that his valuation of £50 applied to only a portion and not the whole of the allotment of land at the rear of the board's head offices. He valued the whole of the block at the back of the board's offices at £315. Further consideration was bestowed upon the question of supplying water free of charge to the Salvation Army Refuge at Wells-street, Newtown, with the result that it was resolved not to interfere with the existing arrangement. It was decided to supply water free of charge to a certain fountain which is to be erected at Erskineville. It was resolved to hand over to the Enfield Municipal Council 55ft. of 24in. pipes at a cost of £13, provided that the council would undertake to lay them for the purpose of carrying off surplus water from the 48in. trunk main when the same was being scoured. It was resolved to connect certain dead ends in the town of Liverpool for the purpose of improving the circulation. The replacing of the old 6in. watermain in Princes-street, Sydney, by a new 8in. main was authorised. The employment of four labourers temporarily, who are to be engaged in searching for mains, was sanctioned. A number of applications for compensation for the construction of manholes on the properties of the applicants were dealt with. In most of the cases the payment of £5 compensation was authorised. It was agreed to lay a 9in. sewer along Temple-street and Railway-avenue, Petersham. The construction of a sewer to intercept the drainage of certain properties fronting George and Hunter streets, which now went into the Tank Stream, was authorised. A matter relating to the condition in which it was alleged a contractor had left certain roads in Alexandria was left in the hands of the president to deal with. It was resolved to purchase 18 air-pump valves for the Crown-street pumping works. An extension of the 4in. watermain in Stanhope-street, Lindfield, was sanctioned. A number of routine matters were also dealt with.

BALMAIN HOSPITAL.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Balmain Cottage Hospital took place last night in the local council-chambers under the presidency of the vice-president (Mr. D. H. Easton, J.P.), there being a fair attendance of subscribers. The principal business of the meeting was the reception of the scrutineers' report. Messrs. W. Hunt, James Crane, and Robert Pert having been duly appointed, presented the result of the election, which showed the following to have been elected in the order named:—Messrs. Richard Wauwe, William Druce, William Cullen Ward, George Bouston, the Mayor (Alderman Gilbert Curtis Murdoch), Frederick Nutt Gedden, Alderman Henry B. Swan, Alexander Gow, Ernest B. Shaw, Alexander Smith, Alderman Harry Cox. From these will be elected the secretary and treasurer at the next meeting of the executive board of management. A most cordial vote of thanks was conveyed to the scrutineers for their services, and also to the chairman for presiding.

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YORKSHIRE WOOL LETTER.

SMART INTERVIEW—CONDITIONS 25 PER CENT. BETTER—STOCKS OF MERINOS IN BRADFORD EXCEPTIONALLY LIGHT—MORE DOING IN TOPS—GOOD LONG WARP TOPS SCARCE—VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST—PRICES HARDENING.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

BRADFORD, January 7.

Considering that the past month has been so broken up by Christmas holidays and New Year festivities, to which can also be added the usual period of stocktaking, it is a satisfaction to be able to chronicle that things are practically no worse than a month ago. The back end of December and the first week in January is always looked upon as the "dead" period of the year, and, except in times of buoyancy, little is done. It need hardly be said that the past few weeks therefore have been marked by some very quiet market days, and, although the 'Change floor has been filled with an unusual number of men, no very great weight of business has been done. It was quite natural that spinners and weavers should want to carry as little as possible over the New Year, and to this end they resisted all buying but what would just keep going their machinery. Here and there a topmaker reported selling a 100-pack lot, but in the majority of instances half that quantity and less was taken. Those making regular standard lines and stocking them stated that principally all their sales were made for deliveries to be made early in January; but even then what sales they had effected were not near their usual standard turnover by any means. Said one man to me the other day, "everything is simply hand-to-mouth; spinners will not buy only what they are forced to do, and no doubt their position makes them act with caution.

"But what," I said, by way of drawing him out, "What do you really think as to the condition of the wool trade generally?"

"Oh, it is simply bad, bad in the extreme, and as far as I can see there are no genuine signs of any amends."

"But there is a better feeling in the market, and men seem more inclined to do business, at least that is my experience."

"Well," he continued, "no doubt there is a better feeling, born of more inquiry; but I like to see these increased inquiries arise and spring from an increased consumptive demand, having at their back a better call for yarns and manufactured textiles; but in this case the New Year has just dawned, and I'm afraid men are suffering from their late social jubilations."

But I think Mr. —— you are now drawing a little too much on your imagination. There is no use disguising the fact that stocks in town are very low of merino wool, and also tops. Our trade to America during the month has nearly doubled, and even consumption is no less, but possibly more, than before the holidays. Then, too, the desire of users to carry over as little as possible simply meant the deferring of all buying until the year dawned, and the fact that prices are firmer is clear testimony that things all round are a shade better."

"Yes, you can put it that way if you like," he excusingly affirmed; "but my observations so far lead me to believe that things are no better and cannot possibly be until there is a better show on the part of our spinners and manufacturers."

"Well, and what are your ideas of the future? As a man in your position you will have some thoughts as to the outlook for wool and tops."

"The future to me, sir, as to everybody else, is unknown, but the outlook, so far as present indications go, seem to presage no great return to prosperity. The great shortage of merinos in Australia will greatly help that commodity, but apart from that other qualities will more than meet future needs, unless a very great alteration takes place in trade both here and on the Continent. So far as America goes, that country is practically 'boxed' in on all sides. The pity is that M'Kinley and his assistants cannot fasten in the top of America as well, and do without both Australian wool, Bradford manufactured goods, and everything else. Of course her high duties will not help Australian wool so much as under the old regime of free wool and a low tariff. No, prospects are not over bright I think, and there is to me a strong possibility of seeing lower wool values before three months hence unless trade materially moves forward."

Analysed, the situation reveals this: Steady values, with a slight hardening tendency, stocks very light in merino descriptions, business men cheerful, and users operating better. So far as steady values are concerned it must be said that for short 60's tops values moved down a little too fast in the middle of December for the vast majority to sell. Directly after every London sale there is also some few topmakers who, through stress of circumstances, are compelled to operate, and everything being then at their worst, spinners would not buy unless they had a comfortable breathing space left. This caused many a lot of weft 60's to be cleared at 17½d, but it is safe to say that no legitimate sales were effected at that price. Very soon these destructive pests were out of the way, and with the holidays over, and the last two markets of the year being better, everybody stuck out boldly for their old quotations, knowing full well they could not replace at less money. In the meantime spinners showed a stronger desire to be wanting to know what you had, making it very clear they must be buying to keep going their machinery. Some seem to think—and the turnover in December favours the idea—that the small buying done then was intentionally planned in the hope of finding topmakers more willing to unload early in January, but instead of that the market is firmer, and topmen more demanding. And why should it not be so? Bradford values for long have been under cost price and the lowest in England. Perhaps "direct" importers, principally from the Cape, have been able to produce 60's tops as cheap as anybody during the past six months, and to-day it is significant that more than half the South African clip never sees London sales at all, being shipped direct to Bradford. Not so with those making Australian tops with wool bought in London. Here there has been no margin, and everybody is agreed that much money has recently been lost. Then the condition of the Australian new clip and the better estimate of the decreased quantity to arrive are now beginning to be realised more fully. Topmakers are finding out that the wool is yielding badly, that the quality is off, hungry, and stavey, the fibre badly nourished and weak, and the tops are in consequence neither long nor sound. It is already a foregone conclusion that good long warp tops are going to be scarce, short weft tops plentiful, and with an extra per cent. of noilage in combing. Sheepmen and your people should not forget this: That a poor clip like the present also tells against the topmakers, spinners, and manufacturers. With the former his tops cost him more in combing, he having to pay on a rate or scale of the percentage of top to noil his wool yields in combing. The more noils his blend yields and less top, the more the comber charges for combing. Just for information I here give your readers the scale of charges in operation to-day in Bradford:—

Scale of Charges for Combing Merino Wools.—For wools tearing under 2 to 1, 4d; for wools tearing over 2 and under 2½ to 1, 3¾d; for wools tearing over 2½ and under 3 to 1, 3¼d; for wools tearing over 3 and under 4 to 1, 3d; for wools tearing over 4 and under 5 to 1, 2¾d; for wools tearing over 5 and under 6 to 1, 2½d; for wools tearing over 6 and under 7 to 1, 2¼d; for wools tearing over 7 to 1, 2d.

This table simplified so that the sheepfarmer himself can understand it means this:—A clip or blend of wool producing tops at the rate of over 4lb and under 5lb of top to 1lb of noil, the comber would charge the topmaker at the rate of 2¾d for every lb. of top produced from that blend. It sounds to sense that a wool that noils heavy there will be less weight of tops to reckon for, hence the comber must have a bigger price for combing such wool than he will have for a wool making more top than noil. Supposing, say, a New South Wales clip sells for 9d, and it shrinks 50 per cent. in scouring. Then that wool will cost clean scoured 18d per lb., and usually such a wool costs 2½d to 2¾d in combing, so this means that the tops from this wool has really cost 20¾d per lb., the noils from such a blend realising about 11d to 12d. This gives your readers some idea as to what raw wool costs in combing, and this information is well worth keeping for future reference. In the good old days, in which the late Sir Isaac Holden made his pile, it was no uncommon thing for him to charge for combing 6d to 8d per lb., and even more, while to-day the same article can be combed for 2¾d, and then the topmaker on the top of that could secure from 3d to 6d a lb. profit for his tops, but to-day if a man can get a farthing a lb. he considers himself very lucky and sells at once. I may say here that so fine has the top trade now become that it is no uncommon thing for men to turn over a 100 packs of tops at say 18d a lb., or a profit of ¼d or 2s 6d per pack (240lb. a pack), so fine and near a margin is trade done.

Then it is not too much to call special attention to the very meagre stocks of very good, shafty, well-grown wools that are to be found in Bradford and district. Was there a good trade or even an average call for worsted coatings, there would be a famine for the best warp tops, and seeing that our best market is shut for them, i.e., America, it only means that their buyers will take all the available supplies of the present clip. It is no libel on American manufacturers, but it is certain that they cannot handle so successfully as our makers here can, the short wools which are to-day so plentiful, and it appears to me that these will suffer continually, while the better grown wools will still maintain at least their present level. The very small holdings of the best wool and tops have this last few days inspired men to ask a halfpenny more, but at this writing these new quotations have not been realised; still it clearly shows what the present feeling of the trade really is. Then outside manufacturers have been looking round more freely, there has been more sampling, and all this is encouraging. Anybody willing to accept current prices before the holidays can sell readily, but all merinos are well held at from 18d for short tops, and 19d to 19½d for super warp 60's to 64's. While on this point it is as well to say something on our direct importers who are operating on your side. I say it candidly that while I favour your local sales, yet our importers here have been pressing contracts with spinners somewhat more strongly than the situation warranted. Trade here these last two months has been deplorable, yet one of our best spinners said to me quite recently he had been that morning pressed on 'Change to make a contract for delivery in February and March at 18d for 64's, and even if they were only 60's the price is a very little one. Bradford buyers have been operating more freely in Australia, and provision has to be made here for the tops; but so far one and all confess they see no profit as yet, clearly showing that all the wool is worth is being left on your side. This should compensate a little for the ill effects of the drought.

The Bradford-American situation is also an item of interest, as well as affecting Australian-grown wools. My latest information describes more activity in Australian wools, with larger expectations in the new year. The best sources inform me that never before in the history of the States' textile trade was Australian-grown wools being so largely drawn upon as at present. The late accumulated stocks are considerably reduced, and work is plentiful with factories on full time. Of course, Bradford is to-day feeling very acutely the shattered state of our big American trade, and just to give your readers some idea of the state of the labour market here, our Chamber of Commerce just before Christmas published the facts that in the Bradford staple trade a sum of £11,000 weekly was being paid to-day less in wages than even in the quiet time of 1892, when the old M'Kinley tariff was even then severely felt by Bradford. It is also computed that 75 per cent. of the plain looms in Bradford and district are standing idle, and among the factory operatives a merry Christmas has not been so general as customary; but other trades in the town and district are busy, and this has helped considerably to lever the lean state of affairs in the textile trade. But, no doubt, Bradford is now feeling the after effects of the big shipments she made to America earlier in the year, and when these surplus stocks are worked off, more will be doing with that quarter. Our Consul here furnished me this week with a list of the shipments made from Bradford during the past year, and the table is worth repeating:—January, £210,430 2s 8d; February, £594,146 9s 2d; March, £844,621 14s 5d; April, £1,227,483 15s 8d; May, £485,900 11s 4d; June, £765,489 7s 9d; July, £614,760 4s 3d; August, £47,507 15s 6d; September, £73,865 9s; October, £102,924 5s 8d; November, £91,354 3s 8d; December, £169,983 3s 10d; total, £5,028,467 2s 11d.

The shipments from August show when the present Dingley tariff became operative the small totals representing specialities, though the December returns are fairly encouraging. Of course, the past year has been a record year for shipments of wool, and the following table shows what value was sent from Bradford alone since 1890:—1890, £274,948; 1891, £185,655; 1892, £148,017; 1893, £108,715; 1894, £222,088; 1895, £611,429; 1896, £305,788; 1897, £1,783,254. Here is a table showing what number of bales was sent from London and your markets to the United States:—1890, 48,300 bales; 1891, 95,000; 1892, 115,000; 1893, 73,000; 1894, 48,000; 1895, 200,000; 1896, 126,000; 1897, 241,000. Of the above 176,000 bales was purchased in London in 1897, 55,000 in 1896, and 136,000 in 1895. Although such a big total in the aggregate was sent last year to America, yet the year will not monopolise the whole of the distinctions in connection with Bradford's trade with America. It can boast of holding the record export for a month, a quarter, half-year, and even nine months, but its total for the whole 12 months is exceeded by that of 1895, and as showing what an important market the United States is for Bradford, I here give the total year's exports for the past eight years:—1890, £4,112,617; 1891, £2,392,872; 1892, £2,793,196; 1893, £2,036,187; 1894, £1,688,119; 1895, £5,701,242; 1896, £2,811,637; 1897, £5,028,466. From 1891 to 1894 were M'Kinley tariff years, the remainder Wilson tariff years.

Seeing the year is just closed, instead of giving my usual monthly price list I give one to show the course of values at the end of each month during 1898:—

Description.	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept'mber	October	Nov'mber	December
Lincoln hogs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lincoln wethers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Irish hogs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kent fleece	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk hogs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shropshire hogs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shropshire wethers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hampshire Down tops	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ordinary 40's colonial tops	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ordinary 60's B. Ayres tops	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Super 60's colonial tops	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ordinary 40's crossbred tops	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Business in mohair is at the present moment the one bright spot in the Bradford trade, and shows signs of being in a healthy condition for some time to come. Consumption has this last five months been on a very extensive scale. The prospects are bright, and the following table shows the upward strides it has made:—

—	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Turkey, av'rage	16¼	16	15½	15	15½	15½	16	16	16	17	17	17
Cape, firsts	16	15½	15½	15	15	14½	15	15	16	16½	17	17
Alpaca	14½	14¼	14	13½	13½	13½	13½	14	14½	14	14½	14½

But what of the future? Here it must be said that prospects are not over brilliant. Merinos are statistically strong, but the opposite really characterises crossbreds, and symptoms are not wanting depicting a fall. The engineering strike still holds on its way, and this has crippled the home trade sadly. But so far as merinos are concerned, there is likely to be a good demand for the staple if the home trade only assumes a good attitude later on. The specialties, as Sir Henry Mitchell said last week, which Bradford dress goods makers are now turning out are the best in the history of the trade, and both the Continent and America have already bought of them. As merino wool enters largely into them along with mohair, there is that which favours trade, and our fancy makers are still busy. Yesterday things again looked brighter, with more doing; prices hardening, with a prospect of the best merinos being 5 per cent. dearer in London on January 13.

CROWN LANDS.

Information regarding Crown lands for Homestead Selection and Settlement Lease, compiled by the Information Bureau of the Lands Department. The following areas will be set apart during the week ending the 12th instant:—

FOR HOMESTEAD SELECTION.

Carcoar Land District.—298 acres, in two blocks of 133 and 164 acres; distant ¾ mile from Neville and 10 miles from Carcoar; capital value, 30s per acre; will be available 24th March, 1898.

FOR SETTLEMENT LEASE.

Gunnedah Land District, on Bomera Holding.—1 farm, containing 5100 acres; distant 30 miles from Coonabarabran; capital value, 15s per acre; will be available 17th March, 1898.

The following areas will become available on Thursday next, the 17th instant:—

FOR HOMESTEAD SELECTION.

Land District of Deniliquin, within Moama population area.—8 blocks, 1951 acres.

Land District of Forbes, on Boyd Holding.—1 block, 930 acres.

FOR SETTLEMENT LEASE.

Land District of Coonabarabran, on Gundare Holding.—1 farm, 5160 acres.

Land District of Forbes, on Boyd Holding.—2 farms, 11,430 acres.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Lands Department Bureau, or from the Crown Lands Agents of the districts.

The fourth edition of the pamphlet containing particulars of all Crown lands available for Homestead Selection and Settlement Lease throughout the colony has been published, and copies may be obtained at the Government Printing Office; Information Bureau, Lands Department; or from any Crown Lands Agents. Price, 6d.

Lands Department "Weekly Gazette."—Full particulars are given in this "Gazette" of all lands that are being made available for settlement, and, in addition, all the notifications issued by the Department of Lands, and published in the ordinary "Gazette," appear in this issue. The terms of subscription are 5s per quarter, and application should be made to the Government Printer.

FEDERATION AND THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—You were good enough in your issue of the 14th ultimo to publish a letter of mine on the question of the seat of Government for United Australia. The subject is, in my judgment, and in the opinion of a large number of my fellow colonists, who take a deep interest in the question of federation, a far more important one than even the question of the use of the water of the river Murray. Yet I notice in your issue of to-day that this, probably the most important of all questions, so far as New South Wales is concerned, was treated with satirical levity at the meeting of the Convention held in Melbourne yesterday, which shows that we are now being almost laughed out of our rights to demand as a condition precedent to federation that the city of Sydney shall be fixed as the seat of Government in the Commonwealth Bill. From yesterday's proceedings, as well as statements made at the previous Conventions by delegates from other colonies, it is now almost beyond doubt that if we trust the Federal Parliament to fix the seat of Government then Sydney will have no earthly hope whatever of being the capital.

Whilst I would be in favour of New South Wales doing everything for the purpose of assisting Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia in any hour of difficulty or trial, and whilst I would say that we New South Welshmen should be prepared to stand by the other colonies and expend our last shilling for them in case they needed it, I certainly would not run any risk in unduly tempting the representatives from other colonies who would be elected to the Federal Parliament to vote for the City of Sydney as the capital as against either their own personal convenience or what each might think was his own colony's interests. I would have as a motto "Sydney fixed in the Commonwealth Bill as the seat of Government, and then—and then only—federation."

I am, &c.,

T. M. SLATTERY.

February 9.

TO DARKEN GREY HAIR.
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LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

APPLICATION FOR A PROHIBITION.

Re John Wells (Scott and another respondents).

Mr. A. Thomson, instructed by Messrs. Shipway and Berne (for Mr. C. F. Solling, of Maitland), appeared for John Wells, of the Paterson, farmer, and moved for a rule nisi, calling upon George F. Scott, P.M., and Theophilus Cooper, of the Paterson, landholder, to show cause why a writ of prohibition should not be granted to restrain them from proceeding upon an order of February 3 last. It appeared that Wells, with one G. Neil, had a contract for the repair of a Government road from Paterson to Vacy, and in the course of the work he entered upon the plaintiff's land, and removed a quantity of gravel from a pit there for the purpose of spreading it upon the road. Under section 24 of the Public Roads Act contractors engaged in repairing public roads are authorised to enter upon private land and remove gravel or other material necessary for the road and convey it through the land without being deemed trespassers. Cooper, however, sued Wells in the Small Debts Court, Paterson, for trespass, and recovered a verdict for £10 with costs. Wells now appealed on the grounds that the magistrate had no jurisdiction to entertain the summons in view of the provisions of the 24th section of the Public Roads Act, 4 William IV., No. 11, and that the decision was contrary to natural justice. It appeared from the affidavits filed on behalf of applicant that he tried to arrive at an arrangement with Cooper for the payment for the gravel, but as Cooper declined to accept the price offered Wells exercised the right given to him under the Act, entered upon the land, and took the gravel.

The rule was granted and made returnable on Friday, February 25.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

APPLICATION FOR COSTS.

Cox v. Cox.

Mr. Ralston, instructed by Messrs. Holdsworth and Son, appeared for the petitioner, Eliza Helen Cox, and moved for an order upon respondent, James Paul Gee Cox, directing him to pay into court a sum for her costs. Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Mr. P. H. Sullivan (of Messrs. Sullivan Brothers), appeared for the respondent to oppose the granting of any amount beyond £25, petitioner asking for £100. After hearing the affidavits and arguments of counsel his Honor made an order for the payment of £35.

CHERRY v. CHERRY.

On the motion of Mr. Flannery an order was made for the payment of £20 to meet the wife's costs of the suit.

DECREES ABSOLUTE.

His Honor made absolute the decrees nisi in the following suits and declared the marriages dissolved:—Florence Robinson v. John William Robinson, James Nelson v. Martha Rosanna Nelson, and Patrick John M'Grath v. Emily M'Grath. In the firstnamed case the petitioner was given the custody of the children.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar.)

HEARING OF CREDITORS' PETITIONS.

M. C. Day, of Paddington, v. John Kirkpatrick, architect, of Pitt-street, Sydney. Mr. Parish appeared for the petitioning creditor, and on his application the matter was adjourned to the 18th instant as a settlement was pending.

Commercial Banking Company of Sydney v. Edmund Coleman, storekeeper, of Lismore. On the motion of Mr. T. B. Gaden (of Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden), who appeared for the petitioning creditor, the order of sequestration was made and the date of the bankruptcy was fixed as of December 31. Mr. W. H. Palmer was appointed official assignee.

T. P. Molony, of Sydney, solicitor, v. Laurence Jennings M'Grath, of Sydney, late hotelkeeper, and now of Sans Souci. The order of sequestration was made, and the date of the bankruptcy was fixed as at January 31. Mr. L. T. Lloyd was appointed official assignee.

EXAMINATION UNDER SECTION 30.

Re George Thorpe. Mr. A. Nathan appeared for the official assignee. As a material witness was absent through illness the examination was postponed until Monday next.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

John Flynn, of Glebe-street, Paddington, gardener. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

Harris Green, of Foveaux-street, Surry Hills, tailor. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Rochfort George Hull, of Campbell-street, North Sydney, clerk. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

William Eldridge, of Chatsbury, stockman. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Docker.)

ALLEGED BREACH OF AGREEMENT.

Yokouchi v. Brock.

Mr. A. H. Conroy, instructed by Mr. J. A. Dowling, was for the plaintiff; and the defendant appeared in person, but not until his Honor was on the point of giving a decision. He was, however, in time for the plaintiff, a Japanese, who spoke through an interpreter, to be cross-examined, and he himself gave evidence. The plaintiff, K. Yokouchi, described as a decorative painter, of Sydney, sued the defendant, George Sydney Brock, who resides at Oaks Polo Pony Stud Farm, Narrabeen, for alleged breach of agreement, the amount claimed being £32 8s 9d. According to the case for the plaintiff the defendant entered into an agreement to employ him as a decorative painter for six months from September 30 last, at the wage of £20 for that term, and board and lodging, but about a month after the date named he dismissed him. Difficulty arose relative to the accommodation for the defendant, who was engaged to decorate walls and ceilings of a house being erected at the place mentioned above. The defendant said that he paid the plaintiff for the time he worked. The accommodation was ready if he liked to camp as the other people camped. He wanted a room to himself. He (plaintiff) inconvenienced himself by bringing him to Newtown. He could not satisfy him in any shape or form as far as board was concerned. Plaintiff had his meals with the servants, and witness did not think he liked that. In the course of the case it appeared that there was a suggestion that after three months had elapsed from the time the plaintiff was discharged a fresh agreement should be entered into, but the defendant now indicated his unwillingness to again have the plaintiff in his employ. He claimed that he was entitled under the final clause of the agreement to discharge him in consequence of the dispute which arose; but his Honor took a different view of the matter. In giving judgment, his Honor said that he was about to give a verdict for £19 15s on the ground that plaintiff could get employment at the expiration of three months, but the defendant had disposed of that. He therefore gave a verdict for £32 8s 4d. It would have been all the better for Mr. Brock if he had not turned up.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before Messrs. Oliver, president, Freeman, and Brandis, Commissioners).

Mr. Hanbury Davies appeared for the Crown.

APPEALS.

C. T. Gillett appealed against the board's recommendation for refusal of his homestead lease application, No. 97-15, Wentworth. Mr. Pyke applied for the return of the case to the board for re-hearing, so that the appellant might have an opportunity of proving his bona fides. Mr. Davies opposed the application, saying that there were no affidavits in support of the allegations contained in the grounds of appeal. The Court by returning the case would create a bad precedent. While agreeing with Mr. Davies that it was not regular to grant a re-hearing on a bald statement of facts the Court by a majority, Mr. Freeman dissenting, agreed to send the case back to the board for re-hearing.

John D'Arcy appealed against the recommendation of the local land board in respect of Jane T. Ritchie and W. J. Lane's special purchase application, No. 97-2, Bega. A preliminary objection to the effect that the appellant had no locus standi was raised and upheld. The appeal was accordingly dismissed.

Consideration of the appeal of R. Philp against the disallowance of his additional conditional purchase application, No. 97-18, Deniliquin, was allowed to stand over pending the decision of the Supreme Court appeal to the Privy Council in re Harrington.

James Hendry appealed against the board's recommendation in respect of his application for surrender and exchange of lands within Murray Downs pastoral holding, No. 299, Balranald South, Central Division. The Court reserved its decision.

REFERENCES.

The consideration of a reference from the Minister for Lands for the determination of the ownership of improvements on William Thomas's conditional purchase, No. 96-20, Dubbo, was allowed to stand over pending the decision of the Supreme Court in re Wilmott.

Decisions were reserved in the following cases:—Reference from the Bombala Land Board for direction in respect of claim by William George Johnston for contribution towards the cost of fencing the common boundary of his conditional purchase, No. 93-4, and conditional lease, No. 23791, and N. Deeney's and J. O'Hare's improvement lease, No. 140, Bombala; reference from the Bombala Land Board for decision in respect of claim by Neal Deeney and James O'Hare for contribution towards cost of fencing the common boundary of their improvement lease, No. 140, and F. Buckland and N. G. Wait's improvement lease block, No. 31, Bombala; reference from the Bingara Land Board for decision in respect of claim by George Currell against Henry Withers for half cost of fencing the common boundary of their respective settlement leases, No. 274 and 248, Bingara.

Directions were given to the Casino Land Board in respect of the re-appraisement of Cornelius O'Neill's conditional lease, No. 17490, Casino.

METROPOLITAN QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before his Honor Judge Backhouse.)

Mr. G. M. L. Innes was the Crown Prosecutor.

DISAGREEMENT OF A JURY.

In the case of Augusta Patterson, who was arraigned on Tuesday on a charge of stealing 45yd. of silk, the property of David Jones and Co., the jurors, who had been locked up all night, failed to agree, and were discharged. The accused was bound over to appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions, bail being allowed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING.

Isaac Smith was found guilty of breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Thomas Love, at Redfern, on January 3, with intent to steal, and was remanded for sentence.

RECEIVING.

John Anderson was charged with breaking and entering the shop of James Oastler, at Sydney, on January 10, and stealing therein eight water taps, 14 gas taps, one hammer, two bath plugs, three unions, and two connections, and on a second count with receiving the same articles. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of receiving, and Anderson was remanded for sentence.

LARCENY.

William King pleaded guilty to having on December 27, at Sydney, stolen one shot gun, one revolver pistol, two watches, one finger ring, two guitars, one guitar case, one violoncello, one coat, one mandoline, one portmanteau, one scarfpin, one watch-chain, one trinket, one violin, and a case containing surgical instruments, the property of Giovanni Podenzana.

CONDUCTING A LOTTERY.

William Humphries and William Young pleaded guilty to a charge of having on November 7 and November 27, and on other days and times between those days and the present, unlawfully set up, kept, maintained, and conducted a certain lottery to the great damage and common nuisance of all the liege subjects of our lady the Queen to the evil example of others in like case offending. Both accused were bound over in their own recognisances of £50 to come up for sentence at any time within 12 months if required to do so, and to be of good behaviour during that period. The lottery was one conducted on the pool system, a certain percentage of each pool being retained by the "table" proprietors.

THE GUESSING COMPETITION CASE.

William Grady was charged with having on January 3, at Lambton, falsely pretended to Jane Armstrong that she had been successful in winning a bicycle of the value of £25 in a certain guessing competition, and with having then made to the said Jane Armstrong a false promise that if she would forward to the Austral American Novelty Company the sum of £1 to pay the cost of carriage he would forward the said bicycle, by means of which false promise he did on January 10 obtain the sum of £1 from her with intent to defraud. Accused was found guilty and remanded for sentence.

SENTENCED.

Ebenezer Clements, convicted of uttering, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, February 10.

In Equity.—Master's Office.—At 11 a.m.: Fisher v. Lingham, to settle minutes of decree.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Chief Clerk: Heath v. Daly and others, 10.30; re Harrington and the Crown Lands Acts, ditto, ditto, 2.30; Anuerberg v. Anderberg, 2.30.

Probate Office.—Before the Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: To proceed on accounts in the following estates—Thomas Alston, John C. Then. At 2.15: John Greaves.

DISTRICT COURT.—Thursday, February 10. (Before his Honor Judge Docker, in No. 1 Court, at 10 a.m.)

City assessment appeals. Causes: Wood v. Myles (part heard), Campbell v. Hannan, to be mentioned; Parker v. Jordan, Potts v. Riley, Weathers v. Kenyon, Hine and another v. Newport, Hitchcock v. Railway Commissioners of New South Wales, Morgan and another v. Kornblum and others.

COURT OF REVIEW.—Thursday, February 10. (Before his Honor Judge Murray, in No. 3 Court.)

Appeals against land tax assessments.—At 10 a.m.: Hannah Foley, Elizabeth Foley, Ernest E. Foy, agent for estate of Frank William Foy, deceased; Mary Ann Friend, James Furlong, H. Gorman, G. N. Griffiths, Robert Guy, M. A. Hanson, Hardie and Gorman, Samuel Hardy, Law Harrgrave, Susan M. N. Harris and other, executrix and executors of the estate of late W. H. Harris.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.—Thursday, February 10.

Thomas Simpson, larceny; Henry Talbot Watt, offence against law; Henry Talbot Watt, assault; Frank Glynn and John M'Lean, housebreaking (2 charges); Frank Glynn and John M'Lean, assault; Vity Johnson, burglary.

POLICE COURTS.

Committed for Trial.—At the Central Police Court yesterday Mr. Love, D.S.M., committed for trial at the Circuit Court on the 14th instant John M'Namara, 33, James Kelly, 32, and Edward Donald, 22, alias Donnelly, on a charge of in company breaking and entering the Union Tailoring Company's factory, 220 Sussex-street, and stealing some serge and 121 men's and boys' suits, of the value of £100, belonging to Robert Simons. Detective Roche deposed that about 8 p.m. on January 22 he and Detectives Brown, M'Lean, and Donovan were on the Randwick-road waiting between the Zoo and the old toll-bar. A horse in a van was driven quickly from Kensington towards Sydney. The occupants of the van were singing. The four detectives got in front of the van. Witness sang out, "Police; surrender or we will shoot." M'Lean also called out to them to surrender. There were at least four men in the van. Instead of stopping the driver caused the horse to go quickly. The four men rushed out simultaneously. Donovan was knocked down by a man falling on him. The accused Donald ran away with another man. Both men ran alongside a fence. Witness sang out, "Stop, or I'll shoot." They took no notice. He heard M'Lean fire his revolver. Witness then fired his in the direction of the two men. Both fell. Witness went up to them, and Donald said, "I'm shot, Roche, take me to the hospital." They afterwards took him to St. Vincent's Hospital. Witness told Donald that he thought his coat and vest had been stolen from the factory. Donald said, "I got it out of the cart." He asked Donald if he had anything to say, and got the reply, "I have nothing further to say if I die, and if I get better I will have to stand my trial." M'Lean had hold of M'Namara. Some days afterwards Kelly was charged with being concerned with the others in the robbery. Witness also referred to visiting a spot on the Bunnerong-road about five and a half miles from Sydney. In the sand was found a coat and vest and some pieces of paper. Dr. Sheldon deposed to having treated Donald at St. Vincent's Hospital. The bullet entered at the eighth rib on the back and on the right side. The bullet was extracted in front of the right shoulder. The wound was dangerous. Donald suffered great pain. The side of his chest was almost full of fluid. Robert Simons deposed to his factory being securely fastened at 5.45 p.m. on January 20. Next day he found the locks broken off the doors and he missed a large quantity of goods. He identified the goods produced as his property. The coat and vest with the bullet marks belonged to him. The accused reserved their defence. Kelly and M'Namara's bail was fixed at £200 and Donald's at £150.

Cruelty.—At the Central Summons Court yesterday Mr. Addison, S.M., fined the following 10s each for causing horses to be ill-treated:—Alfred Buist (21s costs), Henry Moore, James Hannan (21s costs), William J. Boyd, and Henry Dine. E. G. Williams prosecuted.

Theft of Tomatoes.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Delohery, S.M., Norman Pope was charged with having stolen a quantity of tomatoes of the value of 1s from the garden of George Ah Sing, at Enfield. The boy pleaded guilty, and was ordered to pay a fine and costs of £1 2s.

Assault at Newtown.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Delohery, S.M., Mary Ann Johnson proceeded against Bella Weedon on a charge of assault at Newtown on the 5th instant. The defence was a denial of the assault. Defendant was ordered to pay a fine and costs of £1 10s 10d, in default 21 days' gaol.

A Daughter Assaults Her Mother.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Delohery, S.M., Mary Farrell, jun., was charged with having assaulted Mary Farrell, sen., at Concord on February 1. The parties are mother and daughter. The daughter pleaded guilty to having thrown a stone at her mother, for which she was ordered to pay a fine and costs of £1 4s 10d; in default, 21 days' gaol. She stated that she had no money to pay the fine and went to gaol.

Theft of a Boiler.—At the Water Police Court yesterday George Williams was fined 40s, in default three weeks' imprisonment, for having stolen a boiler, the property of Henry Willis.

PADDINGTON POLICE COURT RETURNS.

Mr. F. W. C. Crane, J.P., clerk of petty sessions at Paddington, has prepared the annual returns of cases dealt with at the Paddington Court, showing the transactions for the year to have been as follows:—Under the heading of Petty Sessions Court transactions it appears that the number of petty sessions cases where accused have been arrested, exclusive of arrests under Licensing Act, was 649; petty sessions cases, exclusive of summons cases under the Licensing Act, 833; cases committed for trial, 35; municipal appeals dealt with, 109; applications for auctioneers', pawnbrokers', hawkers', coach, fishing boat, fishermen's, and other licenses, 89. In the Small Debts Court the number of plaints entered was 802; executions issued, 35; garnishee applications, 16; interpleader cases, 2; bills of sale registered, 202; applications for oral examination of judgment debtor, 4. The total moneys received was £1805 13s 7d, including fees of Courts of Petty Sessions, £205; registration of dogs, £440; fines paid to revenue, £195; fines paid to police reward fund, £58; fines paid to informers, £56; fines paid to borough councils, £39; licenses issued, £24; Small Debts Court fees, £140; returnable and other costs, £117; suitors' money, Small Debts Court, £423.

TELEGRAPHIC INTERRUPTIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—During the past six or seven months the interruptions of the overland telegraph line to Port Darwin have been sufficiently frequent to cause very serious inconvenience to business people. It would seem that the eastern colonies must look to a Pacific cable if they desire an alternative service.

I am, &c.,

J. M. PAXTON.

February 9.

LUXURIANT LUSTROUS HAIR, with a clean, wholesome scalp, free from irritating and scaly eruptions, is produced by warm shampoos with CUTICURA SOAP, followed by light dressings with CUTICURA, purest of emollient skin cures, the most effective skin purifiers and beautifiers in the world. They clear the scalp and hair of crusts, scales, and dandruff, destroy microscopic insects which feed on the hair, soothe the irritated and itching surfaces, stimulate the hair follicles, and supply the roots with energy and nourishment.—Advt.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—February 9.

China, R.M.S., P. and O. Company's Line, 7899 tons, Captain M. de Horne, from London December 31, Gibraltar January 4, Brindisi January 9, Port Said January 12, Aden January 16, Colombo January 24, Albany, February 2, Adelaide, and Melbourne. Passengers—From London to Sydney: Miss Cassie Jamieson, Mrs. S. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Neild and family, Miss Derbyshire, Sergeant-major and Mrs. Holman and family, Miss C. Bensusan, Mr. and Mrs. Manning, Mr. Herbert Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Porter, Mr. S. Douglas and family, Mr. S. L. Worthington, Mr. Driver, Mr. A. Searl, Miss E. Keesing, Mr. F. Drake, Mr. A. W. Ireland, Mr. Almond, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay. From Marseilles to Sydney: Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Fairfax. From Brindisi to Sydney: Mr. Seighman, Trooper Anderson. From Calcutta to Sydney: Mr. M. Todd, Mr. Cromie, Mr. Laws. From Albany to Sydney: Mr. and Mrs. Harris and infant. From Adelaide: Mrs. and Miss Gebhardt, Rev. Canon Andrews, Very Rev. Dean of Adelaide, Mr. and Mrs. Ansley, Mrs. Chittleborough, Mr. C. B. Todman, Mr. S. L. Bensusan, Mr. S. G. Wills, Mrs. Wills, Master Wills, Mr. Wills, Mr. S. R. Wills. From Melbourne: Mr. A. T. Graham, Master Graham, Mr. Summerscales, Mr. H. H. Summerscales, Mrs. Norman, Mr. D. R. Jones, Mrs. Mackennal, Mr. J. Hedley, Mrs. Hedley, Misses Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott, Miss Herald, Master Herald and child, Mr. J. Bartley, Miss Bartley, Mrs. J. G. Moore and child, Mr. Plant, Miss Plant, Mr. J. B. Drummond, Mr. Lewis, Mr. A. F. Coombe, Mr. Wilkinson, Mrs. Hixson, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennett, Mr. W. Sully, Mrs. Burleigh, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Davis infant and nurse, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamph, Mr. and Miss Buck, Mr. Knapton, Miss Grovenor, Mr. C. A. Read, Mr. Witcombe, Mr. D. A. Madden. From London to Brisbane: Mr. W. Cooper, Mr. Howes, Miss Howes. From London to Townsville: Mr. Carse. From London to Auckland: Mr. R. Deane, Mr. Shekleton, Q.C., Mrs. Shekleton, Mr. G. H. Stayton. From London to Wellington: Mr. A. T. Williams. Edward Trelawny, agent.

Tomki, s., 598 tons, Captain H. Jackson, from Richmond River February 8. Passengers—Mrs. Morris, Misses Schmidt, Screech, Morris, Messrs. Waterhouse, Ison, Schmidt, Daley, Morris, and 10 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

John Williams, London Missionary Society's steamer, 700 tons, Captain E. C. Hore, from Cook Islands, New Guinea, and Samoa. Passengers—Mrs. W. G. Lawes, Rev. A. Pearse, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin and child, Mrs. E. C. Hore and child, one native teacher Maru and wife. Thomas Pratt, agent.

Namoi, s., 1414 tons, Captain Skinner, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, agents.

Balmain, s., 604 tons, Captain Brinkwater, from Newcastle. A. Sneddon, jun., agent.

South Australian, s., 710 tons, Captain R. Magrath, from Newcastle. A. Sneddon, jun., agent.

Murray, s., 144 tons, Captain S. Canty, from South Coast. A. Kethel, agent.

Taieri, s., 1068 tons, Captain Shephard, from Auckland. F. W. Jackson, agent.

DEPARTURES.—February 9.

Himalaya, barque, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.
Waihora, s., for Auckland and ports.
Oonah, s., for Hobart.
Ovalau, s., for Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, and Auckland.
La Serena, s., for Newcastle.
Taieri, s., for Newcastle.
Dilpussund, barque, for Lyttelton, via Newcastle.
H.M.S. Royalist, for Brisbane.
Oceania Vance, schooner, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—February 10.

Age, s., for Melbourne; Cloncurry, s., for Western Australia, via ports; Tomki, s., for Richmond River; Rosedale, s., for Port Macquarie and Bellinger River; Murray, s., for Moruya, Bermagui, and Tathra; Sydney, s., for Newcastle; Balmain, s., for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—February 9.

Waihora, s., 2003 tons, Captain R. Neville, for Auckland and ports. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. William Gray, Mr. and Mrs. R. King, Mesdames Pilcher, T. S. Clibborn, L. Rissler, J. F. Bailey, Fitzgerald, Hayes, Marina, C. J. Daley, Cater, W. S. Wallace, H. Adair, Clayton, S. Murray, Issue Peek, S. Robinson, Parkinson, Misses Govett, Terrill, Miller, Bastead, Savage, A. Rafferty, G. Rafferty, Taylor, Lillie Pilcher, M. L. Dick, Cordes, Bailey, Fitzgerald (2), Gillham, Taylor, Messrs. J. F. Lane, A. H. Duddy, H. Adair, Garlick, T. W. Gillham, W. Marina, Schwayer, W. E. Jameson, C. Heat, J. M'Kinnon, W. Beckett, J. C. Corscaden, J. Burbury, D. Macdougall, G. M. Parkes, S. G. Parkes, P. Revirs, L. Shadwell, G. H. Clibborn, H. J. Morris, H. A. Young, W. N. Hoeking, W. H. Howe, H. Perry, Konbowner, F. R. Bailey, W. L. Porter, W. Perrett, Whitney, J. Roberts, Potter, Clayton and son, Savage, J. Gray, J. Peck, A. Lamande, Ven. Archdeacon Govett, Lieutenant Nawmann, Master Fitzgerald, and 35 in the steerage.

Oonah, s., 1757 tons, Captain W. J. Featherstone, for Hobart. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. W. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Eastwood and infant, Mr. and Mrs. G. Busby, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred O'Donnell and child, Mr. and Mrs. J. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Wigmore, Dr. and Mrs. Paton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Broadbent and 2 children, Mesdames J. Hurst, P. Rheuben, G. E. Wise, Jewson and child, Ford, Brewer, Christinson, Holmes, E. Terry, Forrest, A. N. Lea, Misses L. E. Soul, Shields, Lea, Rogers (2), Terry (2), Fisher, Mackay, R. Matthews, M. Ford, S. Christinson, Messrs. E. Kottmann, A. Hatley, Rogers, W. H. Young, A. Hiddleston, G. E. Wise, G. Bedingfield, E. Cooper, T. Gibson, N. C. Lockhart, W. R. Connell, H. Gray, W. H. Price, G. Arnold, J. A. Paton, E. J. Lamb, William Matthews, P. A. Cannon, Lancey, Thomas Dawes, H. Paul, T. Bernstein, E. R. Griffith, F. H. Galbraith, W. Kearns, W. C. Bosser, A. J. Green, N. Nagle, N. Conway, P. Leslie, C. Cowles, J. L. Saddington, J. Noble, E. Maloney, W. Cunningham, Dr. Horsfall, Dr. Bobardt, Lieutenant May, and 15 in the steerage.

Himalaya, barque, 1008 tons, Captain R. H. Dearborn, for Honolulu, via Newcastle. Passenger—Mrs. Dearborn.

Ovalau, s., 1229 tons, Captain Crawshaw, for Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa. Passengers—Mesdames D. Smith and 2 children, Wood, Miss Relman, Messrs. H. Marks, W. A. Newman, M. Moss, W. A. Baker, G. Baker, P. W. Peacock, Thomas Kenny, Good, C. R. Swayne, Masters Caldwell (2), and 2 in the steerage.

Dilpussund, barque, 530 tons, Captain T. Richards, for Lyttelton, via Newcastle, in ballast. Passengers—Mrs. Richards and 4 children.

La Serena, s., 2296 tons, Captain E. Jones, for Newcastle, in ballast.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—February 9.

Annie Bow, schooner, Captain W. Luckey, for Newcastle; Fanny Fisher, barque, Captain J. Dickson, for Newcastle.

IMPORTS.—February 9.

(A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.)

Tomki, s., from Richmond: 50 bags maize, 745 sacks sugar, 15 bags oysters, 25 sacks pumpkins, 70 bunches bananas, 8 bales skins, 60 cases eggs, 10 cases honey, 3 casks tallow, 8 coops poultry, 70 hides, 22 tons butter, 11 logs beech, 10,000ft. boxwood, 10 pigs, and sundries.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrival: February 9, Franklin, s., from north. Departures: February 9, Lady Norman, for Bundaberg; Katoomba, s., for Sydney.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arrivals: February 9, Yaralla, s., Julia Percy, s., from Brisbane. Departure: February 9, Burwah, for Brisbane.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Departure: February 9, Eurimbla, for Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE.—Departure: February 7, Colac, for Sydney.

COOKTOWN.—Arrival: February 7, Guthrie, from Hongkong. Departure: February 7, Guthrie, for Sydney.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Arrivals: February 8, Tokio Maru, from Sydney; Yamashiro Maru, from Japan. February 9, Paroo, from London; Lizard, H.M.S., from Sydney. Departure: February 8, Yamashiro Maru, for Sydney.

YAMBA.—Departures: February 9, Kallatina, s., and schooners Garfield and M. A. Doran ready for sea.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: February 9, Newcastle, s., South Australian, s., Anglian, s., Lubra, s., Alice, s., Excelsior, s., Wollumbin, s., Taieri, s., Merksworth, s., Celtic Chief, ship, Adelaide, schooner, from Sydney. Departures: February 9, Industrie, ship, for Valparaiso, with 2285 tons coal; Excelsior, s., for Byron Bay; Wollumbin, s., for the Tweed River; Ouraka, s., for Port Pirie, via Sydney, with 2853 tons coal, 460 tons coke; Cloncurry, s., for Fremantle, via Sydney, with 2750 tons coal, 42 bulls; Anglian, s., for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 850 tons coal; Taieri, s., for Devonport, via Sydney, with 500 tons coal; South Australian, s., Lubra, s., Alice, s., Newcastle, s., for Sydney.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: February 9, Australia, ship, from New York; Wellington, ketch, from Strahan. Departures: February 9, Stassfurt, s., for Sydney; Coogee, s., for Launceston; Monowai, s., for New Zealand, via Hobart.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: February 9, Barcoo, s., from Fremantle; Marion Ballantyne, ship, from Cardiff; Kalgoorlie, s., from Fremantle. Departures: February 9, Bothwell Castle, s., for Western Australia; Era, s., for Newcastle; Barcoo, s., for Sydney; Kalgoorlie, s., for Melbourne.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

RICHMOND HEADS.—Departures: February 9, Friendship, s., at 6.30 a.m., Electra, s., at 10.30 a.m., and Oakland, s., at 10.55 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: February 9, steamer like Japanese steamer, at 11.10 a.m., south.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Departures: February 9, Garfield, schooner, at 8.15 a.m., for Sydney; Kallatina s., at 2.35 p.m., for Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: February 9, Kallatina, at 5.30 p.m., south; a small schooner, at 5.35 p.m., south.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Departure: February 9, Lucretia, schooner, at 11.50 a.m., for Sydney.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Departure: February 9, Rosedale, s., at 10.30 a.m., for Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: February 9, Taiyuan, s., at 4 p.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrival: February 9, Euroka, s., at noon. Passed: February 9, Rosedale, s., at 2.15 p.m., and Elamang, s., at 4.15 p.m., south.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: February 9, Aramac, s., at 9.30 a.m., and Taiyuan, s., at noon, north; City of Grafton, s., at 5.10 p.m., north.

CAMDEN HAVEN.—Departures: February 9, Jane Morehead, ketch, at 8 a.m., and Louisa Meisel, schooner, at 9.45 a.m., for Sydney.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrivals: February 9, Alice Templeton, ketch, at 8 a.m., Rozelle, schooner, at 7.30 a.m.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arrival: February 9, Forest Queen, ketch, at 8 a.m. Departures: February 9, Venture, ketch, at 9 a.m., Coral, ketch, at 9.30 a.m., Stanley, schooner, at 10.20 a.m., Aleda, schooner, at 11 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: February 9, Parrabool, s., at 9 a.m., north; Excelsior at 5 p.m., north.

PORT STEPHENS.—Passed: February 9, Tomki, s., at 11.50 a.m., south; a schooner at 11.50 a.m., south.

LAKE MACQUARIE.—Departure: February 9, Mary Davis, ketch, at 8 a.m.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrival: February 9, Hawkesbury, s., at 8.45 a.m., Kate, s., at 10 a.m.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrivals: February 9, Isabella, schooner, at 3 a.m., and Palmerston, s., at 5 a.m., from Sydney; Allowrie at 6.10 p.m. Departure: February 9, Mount Kembla, s., at 4 p.m., for Sydney.

PORT KEMBLA.—Departure: February 9, Glaucus, s., at 3 a.m., for Melbourne.

KIAMA.—Departure: February 9, Resolute, s., at 5 a.m., for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Arrivals: February 9, Coomonderry, s., at 5 a.m., and Illawarra, s., at 12.45 p.m., from Sydney.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Arrival: February 9, Peterborough, s., at 9.30 a.m., from Sydney.

MORUYA.—Arrival: February 9, Marion Fenwick, s., at 6.30 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: February 9, Marion Fenwick, s., at noon, for Wagonga.

BERMAGUI SOUTH.—Arrival: February 9, Bega at 4.30 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: February 9, Bega at 7.30 p.m., for Sydney.

EDEN.—Departure: February 9, Bega, s., at 8.15 a.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: February 9, Tambo at 4.20 a.m., south.

HOBART.—Arrival: February 9, Natal Queen, barque, at 8.30 a.m., from Adelaide.

LAUNCESTON.—Departure: February 9, Pateena at 4.10 p.m., for Melbourne.

STRAHAN.—Departure: February 9, Wareatea at 10.20 a.m., for Melbourne.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Arrival: February 8, Thermopylae, s., at midnight from Melbourne. February 9, Innamincka, s., at 11.5 a.m., from Melbourne.

FREMANTLE (W.A.).—Departure: February 8, Time, s., at 5.30 p.m., for Sydney; Melbourne, s., at 4.10 p.m., for Port Augusta. February 9, Henry Palmer, s., at 7.30 a.m., for East London.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Arrivals: Brilliant, ship, from Sydney, sailed October [illegible]; Kaikoura, s., from Wellington, sailed December 23; Gulf of Taranto, s., from Sydney, sailed December 15, via Geelong and Melbourne.

Departures: Gifford, four-masted barque, from Liverpool for Sydney; Essen, s., for Sydney, via ports; Slieve Roe, ship, from Hamburg for Melbourne.

(For Continuation of Shipping see Page 6.)

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average annual rainfall for 39 years, 49·064.
Average for 40 years from January 1 to January 31, 3·694.
Total rainfall from January 1, 1898, to February 9, 5·411.
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 29·782.
Temperature.—Maximum, 94·8; minimum, 66·7.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 70; 3 p.m., 48.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Perth, 29·85; Esperance Bay, 30·02; Streaky Bay, 29·73; Adelaide, 29·80; Robe, 29·87; Portland, 29·90; Melbourne, 29·85; Cape St. George, 29·73; Sydney, 29·78; Newcastle, 29·84; Port Macquarie, 29·84; Clarence Heads, 29·89; Brisbane, 29·87; Rockhampton, 29·71.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Fine and hot generally.

New Caledonia.—Fine, but cloudy.

Western Australia.—Fine, but cloudy to overcast generally.

South Australia.—Generally unsettled and sultry, raining in the south.

Victoria and Straits.—Fine and cool generally.

Tasmania.—Fine generally.

Queensland.—Fine in extreme south-east, generally dull in central and southern districts.

New Zealand.—Fine in central districts, dull to showery in south and west.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS TO 9 A.M.

Queensland.—Light to heavy in central parts, also parts of south-east. Barcaldine, 0·78; Clermont, 0·83; Cunnamulla, 0·02; Geraldton, 0·42; Gladstone, 0·41; Jundah, 0·37; Longreach, 0·67; Maryborough, 0·03; Mitchell, 0·08; Morven, 0·09; Nebo, 0·73; Rockhampton 0·70; Springsure, 0·25.

South Australia.—Light to heavy, with thunderstorms north of Adelaide, but very patchy. Adelaide, 0·14; Beltana, 0·34; Farina, 0·10; Port Augusta, 0·48.

Western Australia.—Light at scattered places in north and south.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, below summer level; Balranald, below summer level; Bingara, 1ft. 8in.; Booligal, do.; Bourke, 13ft. 7in. rising; Brewarrina, 14ft. 2in.; Deniliquin, below summer level; Eumbalong, 2ft.; Euston, 4ft. 6in.; Goodooga, 10ft.; Gundagai, 2ft.; Hay, 1ft. 7in., below summer level; Hillston, summer level; Louth, 17ft. 6in., rising; Manilla, low; Menindie, 14ft. 9½in.; Mogil Mogil, 12ft., rising; Moulamein, below summer level; Mungundi, 17ft.; Pooncarie, 13ft. 5in.; Tilpa, 17ft. 11in., rising; Tocumwal, 6in. below summer level; Wagga Wagga, 5in.; Wentworth, 3ft. 5½in.; Wilcannia, 16ft. 9in., rising; Yetman, low; Barwon River, at Walgett, 22ft., falling; Namoi River, at Walgett, 12ft. falling; Goondiwindi, low.

TEMPERATURES IN THE COUNTRY.

Broken Hill, 108; Cape St. George, 110; Deniliquin, 102; Forbes, 102; Wagga, 108·5; Walgett, 100; Wilcannia, 102·5; Moruya, 104; Hillston, 102; Hay, 104.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 9 P.M.

Tweed Heads, N.N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Byron Bay, N., light, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, N.E., fine, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, southerly burster, smoky, sea rising; South Head, S., strong, thick, smoky, sea slight; Wollongong, S., strong, hazy, sea rising; Kiama, S., moderate gale, thick, smoky, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, S., fresh, smoky, sea moderate; Jervis Bay, S., strong, thick, and hazy, sea rising; Ulladulla, S., light, raining, sea moderate; Bateman's Bay, S., fresh, thick smoke, sea moderate; Moruya, S., fresh, thick smoke, sea moderate; Eden, S.W., moderate, showery, sea smooth; Green Cape, S.W., light, misty rain, sea moderate.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Southerly winds generally; weather cooler, with rain and thunderstorms in the Darling River districts and on the coast.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Generally cloudy, S. and S.E. winds, more rain in the north, also thunderstorms, and a little in the south, chiefly over ranges; barometer rising. Finer weather appearing along the south coast.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Cool weather, with S. winds; sea moderate. This forecast is based on scanty information, owing to absence of reports from west.—P. Baracchi.

SPECIAL FORECASTS BY MR. CLEMENT L. WRAGGE.

New South Wales.—Unsettled along the coast south from Jervis Bay; generally fine north from there. The cool change now affecting the districts of the Murray is not lasting; the monsoon named "Ramath" is holding sway over the interior of the continent, with great persistency, and will soon cause further heat in the western areas, with strong local squalls and thunderstorms.

Western Australia.—Generally very stormy and unsettled over this vast territory, chiefly under monsoonal influence.

Northern Territory.—Heavy tropical rains, monsoonal squalls, and thunderstorms.

South Australia.—Much cooler than before in the southern districts, but it appears that this pleasant change will not last long; there will be further great heat between Farina and the tropic of Capricorn, with thunderstorms.

Queensland.—Generally fine in the south-eastern districts; electric storms, strong variable squalls, and heavy showers, local in character, in central, western, and northern parts, the rain also affecting the tropical coast, but navigation is safe.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Much cooler, but only for a short time; winds between S.W. and S.E., thereafter again shifting northerly; fresh southerly weather off the east coast of Tasmania.

New Zealand.—The disturbance "Wacko" is travelling rapidly, and will shortly affect the districts south from Wellington.

New Caledonia.—Cloudy, showers over the mountains easterly winds.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR FEBRUARY 10.

Sun rises at 5.26, sets at 6.54; Moon, 8.42 p.m., 8.21 a.m.; Mercury, 5.36 a.m., 5.41 p.m.; Venus, 5.19 a.m., 6.52 p.m.; Mars, 5.30 a.m., 5.45 p.m.; Jupiter, 9.0 p.m., 9.24 a.m.; Saturn, 12.11 a.m., 2.15 p.m.

New Moon, 21st; Full Moon, 7th.

High water at Fort Denison, 10.30 a.m., 10.49 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Richmond River.—Tomki, 4 p.m.
Lyttelton, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Perthshire, 4 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Wareatea, 7 p.m.
Port Macquarie and Bellinger River.—Rosedale, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Clyde River.—Bega, 9 a.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Allinga, 5.30 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Macleay and Nambucca Rivers.—Burrawong, 9 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Rotomahana, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Tongariro, noon.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Grafton, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Allowrie, 9 a.m.
Honolulu, United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe.—A. and A. s.s. Moana, 2 p.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—A. and A. s.s. Moana, 3 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Bateman's Bay and Nelligen.—Peterborough, noon.
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R.M.S. Oceana (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Oceana, 5.30 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Waikare, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—City of Grafton, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1898.

Yesterday the Federal Convention, continuing its sittings in Melbourne, in Committee of the Whole, proceeded with the discussion of clause 121, which provides for the mode of amending the constitution.

H.M.S. Barfleur, a twin-screw battleship, has sailed for China.

It is reported by the Pekin correspondent of the "Times" that it is probable that China will decline both the Russian and the British loans.

This is owing to the opposition of Russia to the British loan, and of Britain to the Russian loan.

It is probable that the Chinese Government will endeavour to raise an internal loan of one hundred million taels, relying upon Japan to agree to an extension of time for the payment of the indemnity for which the loan is required.

Recently it was announced that Bulgaria had made a strong communication to the Porte demanding that the oppression on the Macedonian frontier should cease, and that all the officials guilty of the outrages at Uskub should be dismissed.

It is now announced that the Sultan has promised to have a thorough inquiry made into the matter complained of.

Bulgaria is, however, pressing for the dismissal of the officials involved in the outrages.

The Austro-Hungarian Government has closed all the German colleges, with the exception of the theological institutions, for the remainder of the current term.

When the colleges are reopened for the next term, the students will be required to swear obedience to the academic laws.

The results of the recent examinations in theory of music in Sydney, in connection with the London College of Music, will be found in our telegraphic columns.

In Crete the distress is increasing. It has reached a most acute stage.

Five hundred starving inhabitants have emigrated to Greece within the past few days, and 250 destitute persons are awaiting an opportunity to proceed to the same country.

The prosecution of M. Zola for the charges preferred by him against General Billot, French Minister for War, and General Boisdeffre, and General A. Gonse in connection with the Dreyfus case, has begun.

It is causing great excitement in Paris, M. Zola having announced that he will call all the leading officers connected with the prosecution of Captain Dreyfus, as well as claim the production in Court of all the documents in the Dreyfus and Esterhazy cases, and the production of expert evidence with regard to the handwriting.

The Court has limited the evidence to what affects M. Zola's charge that Major Esterhazy was acquitted by order of General Billot.

The Minister for Justice has declined to authorise General Billot to give evidence.

General Mercier and numbers of military and civil officials declined to give evidence on the plea of professional and official secrecy.

There is much popular excitement, M. Zola being hissed.

Speaking in the French Chamber of Deputies, M. Hanotaux said that the Government was still upholding the rights of the Powers which were interested in the free navigation of the Nile.

He claimed that France had specially saved Greece from a greater disaster than had befallen that country. He also said that the Government had taken precaution to protect the interests of France in the event of the fall of China.

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By a disastrous fire at Manila, in the Philippines two hundred houses were destroyed.

A forecast of the Speech from the Throne, to be read at the opening of the Imperial Parliament, has been published.

The Speech will announce that friendly relations with the Powers have been maintained, and that by the services of the European Concert it is hoped that a satisfactory settlement with regard to Crete will be arrived at.

Amongst other subjects the Speech will refer to the splendid valour and loyalty of the British and native troops on the Indian frontier, to the treaty made with King Menelik, and to the West Indian Sugar Commission.

Increase in the army expenditure will be foreshadowed.

No reference will be made to affairs in China, nor to the reinforcing of Sir H. H. Kitchener's force in the Soudan; but, with regard to this expedition, it will be explained that the advance will be resumed on the first opportunity.

A sculling match has been arranged between James Wray and W. Haines, the English sculler, the latter to receive three seconds start. The race will be rowed on March 2.

Mr. Jacob Garrard, Minister for Public Instruction, accompanied by Mr. W. M'Court, member for the district, visited Bowral yesterday to open a new infants' department in connection with the Bowral Superior Public School.

Yesterday the London Missionary Society's yacht the John Williams completed another voyage, returning to port with all well on board. The cruise just ended extended over three months, during which period the vessel covered 10,000 miles, and visited the society's principal South Sea mission stations.

Mr. Charles Hodge, Registrar of the Adelaide University, arrived in Perth (W.A.) on Tuesday, to establish the local centre in connection with the Adelaide University on a firmer basis.

Kate Tehan, one of the last batch of immigrant girls to Western Australia, whilst staying at the Perth depot awaiting engagement, on Tuesday saturated her clothes with kerosene and set alight to them. She died in the hospital two hours afterwards.

Play in the international cricket match, England v. New South Wales, was continued yesterday on the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The local men, having two wickets down for 140 runs, continued their second innings, and when stumps were drawn for the day had increased the total score to 452 runs for the loss of eight wickets.

Yesterday the eighteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., was continued at the Oddfellows' Temple, Elizabeth-street.

In investments in the Stock and Share market yesterday, New South Wales Funded Stock was sold at the previous price.

A steady distributing business was carried on yesterday in the Import market at unaltered rates. Not much transpired in a wholesale way. Wheat remained quiet. There was somewhat more activity in tea, and better business was carried through privately.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 332 bales of wool were manifested, 195 bales arrived coastwise, and 67 were received by rail at Newcastle on Tuesday.

A fair amount of business was transacted yesterday in the Mining market, but mostly in Queensland gold companies. Western Australian gold stocks had a rather better tone at the close.

Yesterday's customs revenue amounted to £4850.

The part of the business to be dealt with by the City Council committee of inquiry at its to-morrow's meeting in which the public takes most interest is the motion to make the inquiry henceforth proceed in open session. The committee has practically conceded this demand by handing over its official reports for publication. It only now remains to make the method formally accord with the principle by admitting the press to the inquiry in the ordinary way to which we are accustomed in matters of public importance. The importance of the subjects under investigation at the Town Hall can hardly be gainsaid in any quarter. The subjects are of direct interest to the ratepayers, by whom the expense of municipal administration has to be borne. If the matter of the inquiry is of great moment its method and spirit are not less so. It concerns the interests of fairness and justice that the investigation be conducted in a spirit of judicial impartiality, and the results elicited will only have weight with the public to the extent to which it is satisfied that they are fairly reached. The public has a distrust, which is not wholly unjustified, of evidence taken in secret session. It desires to know not only the questions put and the answers rendered, but also the general character and temper of the procedure. It is due then to the satisfaction of the public, and also to the protection of the examining committee on the one side, and the officials on the other, from the possibility of misconception and misapprehension, that the inquiry should proceed with open doors, and that the procedure should be as unreservedly public as the statements upon which the demand for such an investigation was based.

It must now be apparent to all concerned that the scope of the inquiry has widened considerably since the original charges were made. The City Corporation as a representative body must feel that it as a whole is upon its trial, as much so as any member of its executive staff. Much has been said during the inquiry as to the limits of the responsibility of individual officers. But there can be no question as to the general responsibility of the Mayor and aldermen for the working of the whole administration which they establish and direct. The official is responsible to the council. The members of the council are similarly responsible to the ratepayers. Their authority is a representative and fiduciary one, and they are accountable for the manner in which it is exercised and for its results. The law invests them with ample powers of supervision and control, and if the administration is faulty and defective, and has been in this condition for a series of years, the ratepayers will not acquit the aldermen from blame on the mere statement that this or that official neglected his duty or carelessly performed it. The whole system of private business management, Governmental management, and municipal management is based on the assumption that working administration can only be kept at the necessary pitch of efficiency and correctness by the vigour and vigilant scrutiny of the responsible authorities. In the present case the public requires to be shown not only the character of the administrative work carried on by the executive staff, but also the manner and degree in which this is influenced, supervised, and controlled by those who hold full charge as representatives of the ratepayers.

If these considerations are just, and it is hardly likely that they will be disputed, it is obvious that the inquiry will have to be carried on in a spirit of all-round thoroughness if it is to afford results likely to be satisfactory to the public. It is understood that all the branches of the administrative work are supervised by their appropriate committees, which are responsible to the Council as a whole for the way in which things are conducted. They serve as mediums of control and direction between the Council and the official staff. They are assumed to be cognisant, generally and in detail, of the proceedings of their respective departments. Then the Mayor is, in the municipal system in operation in Sydney, armed with large executive and administrative powers, and is almost autocratic in matters in which his discretion is not limited by express directions of the Council. In pursuing inquiry into the defects and defaults of the official servants of the Council it is necessary also to discover what amount of control and watchfulness was exercised by the Council itself and by the committees to which it delegates special departmental duties. If it should appear that in any quarter habits of laxity or neglect of old standing are disclosed in evidence, the public will desire to learn if these shortcomings were known to the Mayor or aldermen or members of special committees. If they were known and tolerated some explanation will be requisite. If they were not known, it will be necessary to inform us whether we are to draw the inference that the whole system of council control and supervision proves in practice to be a futility. It will be seen that there is more than one side to this investigation. The circumstance that it devolves upon the aldermen to conduct the inquiry must not blind them, it certainly will not blind the public, to the fact that their administration is in question quite as much as that of their officers. And all this shows with telling force that if the investigation is to be genuine and thorough, if it is to be directed to the purpose, not of discovering suitable scapegoats but of ascertaining the source of what is defective and of helping to provide better safeguards for the future, it must be conducted in a spirit of fearlessness and unsparing justice, and in the full light of publicity. The latter condition is, it seems, to be conceded. What is the probability suggested by the experience of the past that the others will also be secured?

The question of Africa has been elbowed out of the front rank of international politics lately by the more urgent and pressing question of China, but every now and then we are reminded by cable that the questions involving the Niger and the Upper Nile are still far from being solved. The negotiations respecting the disputed spheres of England and France on the Niger have been at a standstill for some time, and it does not seem that we are any nearer to an amicable settlement now than we were three or four months ago. Yet the Royal Niger Company's forces as well as the French native troops are at active hostilities with the tribes, and we learn that commissioned and non-commissioned officers are still proceeding in fairly large numbers from England to Lagos. We have already explained the details of the dispute, and our cables have been sufficiently emphatic about the determination expressed on the part of England not to give way on the Niger. But for the present the conflict seems to have transferred itself from the diplomatists to the journalists, and the issue is being fiercely fought out in the columns of the French and English newspapers. The "Times" is just reported as having stated that France has no right to a territorial outlet in the Lower Niger, and that the claims put forward to that intent amount to a determined aggression on British interests. This represents British opinion on the subject distinctly enough, and after the strong declarations to that effect already offered no pretence at yielding to French claims could very well be made except in response to overwhelming pressure or a complete reversal of opinion as it now exists on the question. This is one of the difficulties of the situation, indeed, and both nations have advanced too far to be able to retreat without considerable sacrifice.

On the French side, the Paris "Temps" has apparently taken up the quarrel with quite as much animation as its English namesake, and it is interesting in its way to see how that organ of French public opinion views the existing situation. From the first the French hoped much from the negotiations which have now come to a standstill, and consequently the journal named is loud in complaint as to what it considers the causes of this stagnation. The "Temps" is of opinion that the deadlock has been brought about to suit the purposes of Mr. Chamberlain rather than of Lord Salisbury, and that Great Britain desires to exclude France from the navigable portion of the Niger. This carries on the line of argument with which the foreign editor of "Le Temps," M. de Pressensé, who is a recognised writer of high repute on diplomatic subjects, has already familiarised us in the periodicals. He seems to have become imbued with a profound if somewhat whimsical distrust of Mr. Chamberlain, and in a recent number of the "Nineteenth Century" wrote of "his pushfulness, of his recent jingoism," in a tone which would have come with admirable propriety from a bitterly disappointed Conservative, or one of the Colonial Secretary's late allies of the Liberal party. Writing some time in November last about this Niger question, M. de Pressensé was sanguine that "the enlistment of the heir of the Cecils in the army of which St. Jingo is the God and Mr. Chamberlain the Prophet" was not a very probable contingency. He thought then that the West African question was destined to be the touchstone of the true strength of what he called the two rival statesmen in the councils of the Queen. In terms that now read rather quaintly in the light of the statement of the "Temps," just cabled, he insisted that Lord Salisbury—"this disdainful Grand Seigneur, this high and strong mind who hates the foolish catchwords of ambitious mediocrity, this obstinate Solitaire who shuns the crowd and detests the contact of the vulgar"—was not the man to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, even if personal reasons did not militate against his abdication.

However, according to the editor of "Le Temps" Lord Salisbury has now abdicated in respect to this question, and the position has been shaped to suit the purposes of Mr. Chamberlain. Whatever else may be thought of all this, regarding it as reflecting French public opinion, it at least does not make in the direction of an amicable adjustment of affairs on the Niger. This is the more to be regretted since French writers describe that question as the abridgment and foreshortening of the whole of the difficulties between the two nations. For this reason the writer we have already quoted hoped two or three months ago that Lord Salisbury would defy what was called the profligate Imperialism of his Colonial Secretary, who was said to openly oppose the acceptance by British diplomacy of a conciliatory solution. It is clear that the prompt and ready methods of Mr. Chamberlain are ruffling the dovecotes of diplomacy, and introducing the rude breath of the world of business into the calm regions of international negotiation. The careful phrasings and cautious moves of statesmen manœuvring against each other have a system and method of their own, beside which Mr. Chamberlain's methods are as disconcerting as the Czar's directions to his engineers who were discussing a Russian railway route, when he drew a pencil line with a ruler on the map and bade them follow that! All this points to a continuance of the Niger trouble, while in other parts of Africa the outlook is not less unfavourable to peace. Prince Henry of Orleans told his friends in Paris the other day that his Abyssinian expedition, with the help of Russia, will make the French flag dominant on the Upper Nile. Then from Uganda come reports of another threatened insurrection of Soudanese such as Selim Bey led in Sir Gerald Portal's time. Last year the King, Mwanga, led a rising against the British, and for many months past this portion of our African possessions has not been free from disturbance. It is only necessary to add the Sirdar's advance southward along the Nile to all this to make it apparent that, whatever the outlook may be elsewhere, our share in the partition of Africa will not be unaccompanied by difficulty.

The announcement from the Electoral Department that there is an increased demand in several districts for electors' rights ought to provide a useful reminder to electors and the department alike. The electors may remember from it, with advantage to themselves, that in applying for their political birthright, so to speak, it is well not to trust to the securing of this precious heritage to the very last moment. As in the case of failure to comply with income tax conditions, only heartburning comes of it. Yet each time a general election comes round loud are the complaints of electors who find themselves unable to have a say in moulding the destinies of their country for the simple and only reason that they have neglected to give the Electoral Department proper time in which to make out their "rights." It would be an easy thing, surely, for every elector who is really anxious to express his opinion at the forthcoming election to apply in good time for the necessary authority. On the other hand, the Electoral Department might profit by past experience. So long as human nature is what it is, and in defiance of the proverb, people will continue to postpone till to-morrow what they can do to-day, and the rush at the very last moment to get electors' rights is proof of this. It may be hoped, therefore, that the Electoral Department will do its share towards more satisfactory results this year by having the revised rolls in a state of preparedness, and bring under the attention of voters as prominently as possible the necessity for early application for electors' rights.

During the period within which last year's drought pressed most heavily on the pastoral conditions of the colony our alarmists and pessimists found a fine opportunity for gratifying their gloomy propensities by framing depressing estimates of the losses of stock sustained as a result of the adverse season. The favourite estimate of losses of sheep employed in speeches from the Opposition side of the House last session was "20 millions." It was a good round number, and orators fluently assured the House that they had private and indisputable information which warranted them in predicting that extent of loss. The estimate of the stock inspectors made in July last was about 8½ millions, less than half the political estimate. The returns now published by the Stock Department give the decrease of the different kinds of stock at 21,165 horses, 90,664 cattle, and 4,652,930 sheep—the latter less than a quarter the number asserted in party oratory. This is a very grievous reduction of our possessions in the form of stock, and it suggests a terrible condition of things during which this diminution of numbers was taking place in the cruellest of possible ways. But bad as the case is it is far lighter than we had believed, and that we were prepared to bear. The colony, after all, came through its bitter time of trial with less damage than we permitted ourselves to expect. Taking these figures in conjunction with the recently published railway returns, which also were found better than the estimates made, we are supplied with grounds for judging that the losses of all kinds, great as they were, were less destructive than we believed, and that they would be rapidly effaced under the favouring conditions of a good season.

A company, it is reported, intends to ship five hundred tons of New South Wales wheat to the English market. The consignment is not large, but it may be looked upon as the beginning of our export trade in wheat. Small parcels may have been sent at different times, but they counted for nothing. This parcel is an intimation that New South Wales has to be added to the wheat-producing countries which have a surplus for export. It shows that this colony is no longer dependent upon outside supplies, and that it has a new trading asset. And the progress of wheat-growing is certain to continue with increasing rapidity, so far as one can judge from present circumstances. The enterprising farmers who have crossed the Murray have found that there are large tracts of rich lands which are eminently suitable for the cultivation of grain. They know that in other parts of this colony there are territories of equal value. For every block of land that is thrown open to the public there are dozens and scores of applicants. Many are content with the shares system, which seems to be more popular than was at first expected, and it must be remembered that the first export is made at the end of a bad season, the grain in some districts being "pinched" by the want of rain at the critical time. It is unnecessary to speculate what the result would be in an all round good season. Incidentally the shipment shows that farmers need not be bound down to the price that may be offered by an association of buyers in the colonies. There is a way of escaping from their terms. A number of Victorian farmers are arranging to send a shipment to London instead of accepting the local terms. But the main point for New South Wales is that this consignment of five hundred tons of wheat grown in the colony is the first of any importance, and that it points to the formation of a new export trade.

Vice-regal News.—The Hon. Dorothy Brand will return from Melbourne on Monday next.

Treasurer's Advance Account.—During the month of January the payments from the Treasurer's advance account considerably exceeded the average of the last year or two, the total being £8022, but of this sum no less than £5426 went towards the payment of pensions under the police superannuation fund. This fund, it will be remembered, was found to be insolvent, and the Government came to the rescue, agreeing to pay all claims till some definite arrangement was come to by Parliament. There is also a sum of £2114 for the maintenance of sick paupers and for hospitals. The other items are insignificant.

Darling Island Railway Wharf.—Yesterday morning the Minister for Works, Mr. J. H. Young, in company with Mr. Darley, Engineer-in-Chief for Public Works, and Mr. Carleton, Principal Assistant Engineer, paid a visit to Darling Island to inspect the work in progress there for the construction of the new railway wharf. This consists chiefly of the manufacture of enormous concrete blocks and the placing of them in position as a seawall or wharf. About 200 of these blocks have been made, and in all about 500 will be required for the first section of the wharf. Most of them weigh 30 tons each, and the remainder about 15 tons. The task of placing them in position is one requiring much care, the work being done by a powerful steam crane. The Minister and his officers yesterday witnessed the laying of the first two blocks, weighing 15 tons each. After they had been hoisted and lowered into the water by the steam crane two divers went down to see that they were in their proper positions. The laying of the blocks will now be proceeded with rapidly. Mr. Young says he hopes that the first section of the wharf will be completed well within the present year. The work is being done by day labour, the Minister having been advised by his officers that in a work of this nature day labour is the best. A proposal was made that large blocks of Pyrmont stone should be used in place of concrete, but the Minister says it was found that concrete blocks could be manufactured at a somewhat cheaper rate than the Pyrmont blocks could be supplied, and that the concrete would be at least as durable, if not more so, than the stone. Another consideration which weighed with the Minister in the selection of concrete was that the cement used was of local manufacture, and that consequently the use of concrete would mean the employment of at least as much local labour as the use of stone. As the wharf is to be finished by the end of the year, Mr. Young is now considering the best way in which to utilise the frontages to the wharf and the railway, in order that if it is decided to lease the land people who may wish to take up the leases may have time to get plans prepared for the necessary buildings and plant for their businesses.

Proposed Railway to Dural.—The Public Works Committee's inquiry into the proposed line from the terminus of the Rosehill railway to Dural was continued yesterday, and the taking of evidence was almost concluded. The usual motion that the committee consider the evidence with a view to the report will probably be moved at the next sitting.

The Railway Traffic.—For some time past the receipts from the railways have been a source of anxiety to the Railway Commissioners, but affairs now appear to be taking a turn for the better. It appears that the returns are being assisted by the increased movement in produce. The figures for the past fortnight indicate a satisfactory improvement. But with the increased movement in the produce traffic an old trouble again makes itself felt, and that is the congestion of produce traffic at Redfern. During the agitation about this matter last year it was explained by the department that in the other colonies the consignees had to take immediate delivery of produce forwarded to them by rail, and had themselves to find accommodation for storage and sale. If this arrangement was put in force here, the authorities point out, it would quickly solve the trouble arising from the block in the produce traffic, but it is not likely that the agents and auctioneers would be pleased if they were deprived of the facilities now allowed of selling and practically storing produce on the railway premises. The Railway Department points out that the cause of the difficulty is that produce is sometimes rushed down in excess of requirements, the result being that the consignees cannot get rid of the stuff, and a large number of trucks have to be kept back at Clyde till there is room at Redfern. On some occasions recently as many as 100 trucks of produce have had to be detained at Clyde. The trucks, however, are sent forward in order of priority.

Postal Facilities for Ryde.—Yesterday morning a deputation from residents of North Ryde, introduced by Mr. Frank Farnell, M.L.A., called at the General Post Office in regard to some alteration in the mail delivery at Ryde and North Ryde. The complaint of the deputation was that the recent discontinuance by the department of the mail contract between Ryde and North Ryde, a house-to-house delivery from Ryde being substituted, had caused considerable inconvenience, because under the old arrangement persons could obtain their letters from North Ryde on the arrival of the mail at about a quarter to 10 in the morning. But now that there was a house-to-house delivery from Ryde, people living at North Ryde did not get their letters till 1 or half-past 1 o'clock. Besides this, when a letter-carrier was stationed at North Ryde, residents were able to obtain delivery of telegrams, and this cannot now be done. A petition in support of the object of the deputation was presented. In the absence of the Postmaster-General, the Deputy Postmaster-General (Mr. Lambton) received the deputation. He promised to make full inquiry into the matter and to lay it before the Postmaster-General with the view, if possible, of having the grievance remedied.

Rabbits in the North-west.—The Lands Department has received the following report from Rabbit-inspector Webster:—"My inspections during the month of January covered country from Walgett to Corinda. Three miles from Corinda I noted the only live rabbit seen during the month; but my inspection from Corinda to Mungundi, via the Barrier fence, shows that the country is lightly infested. The fresh scratchings, denoting the presence of rabbits, are only found at long intervals apart."

Chairmanship of the Public Service Board.—Hitherto the arrangement has been for the chairmanship of the Public Service Board to be held by each member of the board in annual rotation. Mr. Wilson was the first chairman, and was followed by Mr. Barling. In the usual course Mr. Coghlan would have occupied the position this year, but owing to the large number of matters requiring his attention Mr. Coghlan has deemed it advisable not to accept the chairmanship. The matter came before the annual meeting of the Public Service Board the other day, and it was decided that Mr. Barling should be chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Barling accordingly resigned his position as president of the Royal Commission on Charities, and it was decided to recommend the Government to appoint Mr. Wilson to this post. Mr. Wilson's appointment as president of the Charities Commission has now been approved by the Executive Council.

Naval Affairs.—M.H.S. Royalist cleared the Heads at 10.17 a.m. yesterday bound for Queensland. She is to return to Sydney about March 9. The Mildura arrived at Wellington yesterday. She is to be relieved by the Tauranga, which leaves Port Jackson on the 14th instant, and the Mildura will leave New Zealand shortly after the arrival of the Tauranga. The Torch is in dock at Lyttelton. She is to proceed to Wellington when her overhaul is completed, and is expected to arrive there about the 21st instant. The Katoomba was yesterday taken out for a steam trial, which proved very satisfactory. She returned to port at 2.45 p.m., and when abreast of the Royal Arthur, saluted the Admiral's flag, which was returned by a salute of seven guns from the flagship.

Arrival of the R.M.S. China.—It was nearly 6 o'clock when the P. and O. Company's China reached Mosman's Bay. She had passed Jervis Bay at 10 minutes before noon, and South Head reported her seven miles off at 4.45 p.m., so that the run from Jervis Bay to Sydney Heads, given as 87 miles, may be said to have been accomplished in five hours, or at a speed of 17 knots. The run round from Melbourne, or from Queenscliff, 522½ nautical miles to Sydney Heads, occupied 34½ hours, giving a speed of a fraction over 15 knots right through. This was considered to be very good work considering the slowing down made necessary at times by the presence of dense smoke fog, which at Wilson's Promontory was on Tuesday reported to be so thick at noon that shipping was invisible. On arrival of the China a curious meteorological incident occurred which no doubt to the uninitiated in the mysteries of New South Wales weather phenomena caused some surprise. While the ship was mooring in a boisterous nor'-easter and the temperature well up, a sudden shift took place. So sudden was it and so extreme in force, namely, from nor'east to south—a southerly "buster" in fact—that the ship was struck broadside on, and the tender began to romp about in a lively way. The sea immediately got up, ranging across from the southern shore, and caused the spray to fly over all. The tender was the steamer Courier, a commodious little Watson's Bay boat, and as soon as she cast off she headed for the opposite shore under the lee of the land. The meeting of the two winds, each having considerable velocity, was remarked on board the big liner. The southerly proved too much for the hotter wind of course, and brought down the temperature to a reasonable degree. The Sydney party of passengers on board was not large. Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Fairfax, who have spent 12 months in Europe, were met by a good many of their friends. The London list includes Mrs. S. Mitchell, Miss L. Bensusan, Mr. and Mrs. Manning, and Mr. Herbert Harris. The Rev. Canon Andrews and the Very Rev. Dean of Adelaide came from South Australia. The China is the first of the P. and O. Company's steamers to take up the Hobart route this season. This detour under the new mail contract renders it necessary for the steamers to leave Sydney upon Wednesday instead of upon a Saturday, thus shortening by three days their stay here. The China will therefore leave Sydney on the 23rd instant.

The Caledonien in Quarantine.—The passengers and crew of the French mail steamer Caledonien are now comfortably installed at the Quarantine Station, and they are all in good health. Steps are being taken to disinfect the ship, and after this is done it will be handed over to the agents in the usual way.

Inspection of City Works.—The Mayor (Alderman M. Harris) made an inspection of certain city works yesterday afternoon. The places visited included all the depots, except the depot at the Haymarket, which had previously been visited by him. The Mayor called in at the Corporation Baths at Woolloomooloo, and also at the fish markets, where he made inquiries relative to certain matters that were brought under his notice by a deputation on Tuesday. Attention was given to certain proposals connected with the Sydney Common, and to other matters relative to Moore Park. The intersection of George-street North with Queen's Wharf was selected as the site for an experiment in connection with the laying down of patented wood blocks. The Mayor was accompanied on the inspection by the city surveyor.

Transit Commission.—At the weekly meeting of the Transit Commission yesterday an application for three 'buses to run between Redfern station and the Zoological Gardens on Sunday afternoons was granted. It was decided to help the licensed vanmen in their request to deal with the unlicensed vanmen. The next meeting of the board will be held at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, and at 4 p.m. that day some cabs will be re-inspected.

A Passenger from New Guinea.—Amongst the passengers by the John Williams there returned yesterday to Sydney Mr. Baldwin, from New Guinea, who on arrival gave a few particulars of business in the island continent to a "Herald" reporter. Chief amongst the items of interest is, of course, the gold rush, of which Mr. Baldwin says that there were very few diggers at Port Moresby, most of them having gone to the Mambare River, where it has been stated as much as half an ounce to the dish was being washed. This statement, Mr. Baldwin considers, is exaggerated, and should be taken with a good deal of salt. It is expected that a rush will ensue to the east end of New Guinea, but just now the rainy season has set in, and prospectors will find the utmost difficulty in getting inland, as all the rivers are in high flood. About March is the time to make Samarai for fitting out. Speaking of the cultivation and prospects for settlers, Mr. Baldwin thought that eventually the country will support a large population. The cultivation of rubber, though not started yet, will be found profitable, the native rubber having proved already a considerable source of revenue. It is gathered by the natives themselves, and sold to the white people. Then cotton, of which there is a good deal of the native product available, will be turned to account. Something is now being done in this direction, as it is believed that the wild cotton plant has marketable value. Before he left Port Moresby a pretty heavy storm occurred, during which some small craft were blown ashore. Amongst these was the Sei, one of the Government boats. Referring to the difficulties with natives, the visitor had not heard of any outrages being committed on white men, but tribal wars were common enough amongst themselves, though not much notice is taken of them.

The Trawling Expedition.—It was hoped last week that the arrangements would be sufficiently far advanced to enable the Thetis to set out on the Government trawling expedition next Friday, but unfortunately there have been delays which will probably prevent a start being made till Friday week. Mr. Frank Farnell has been doing all in his power to expedite matters, because delay at this time of the year may considerably affect the chances of success of the expedition; but certain alterations had to be made in the gear on the Thetis, and it appears to be impossible to have this work completed before the middle of next week.

Street Casualties.—Walter Franklin, 11, residing at Athlone-place, off George-street West, was engaged yesterday afternoon selling newspapers to some passengers on a 'bus, when the horses attached to the vehicle started suddenly, and a wheel of the 'bus passed over the lad's foot. He was admitted to Prince Alfred Hospital. John Dwyer, 55, living at Canonbury Grove, Dulwich Hill, was riding in a cart in Petersham yesterday afternoon, when the horse slipped. Dwyer was thrown out, and one wheel passed over his body, causing internal injuries. He was admitted to Prince Alfred Hospital.

The council of the Art Society of New South Wales held its monthly meeting last evening. Mr. Lister Lister, president, was in the chair, and large numbers of members were in attendance. It was settled that the usual students' competition be held, and that the prizes should consist of scholarships and two special prizes given by the president and Mr. A. J. Hanson.

The members of the Burwood Half-holiday Association held their annual picnic yesterday. Six drags filled with the excursionists left the A.J.S. Bank, Burwood, at 1 o'clock en route for Fullemore's pleasure-grounds, Sandringham. The vehicles with their passengers, to the number of 120, reached the grounds at a little after 3 o'clock. The afternoon was taken up with dancing, cricket &c. At 6 o'clock the company sat down to dinner, at which Mr. W. Jenkin presided. The following were the officials of the day:—Committee, Messrs. G. Gibson, T. Lithgow, J. Squire, J. M'Diarmid, and J. Hunter; Messrs. A. E. Keen and T. Lithgow acted as masters of ceremonies.

Messrs. Washington H. Soul and Co. have recently added to their head establishment in Pitt-street a "ladies' department." It comprises a room in the centre of the ground floor of an ornate appearance, and is in charge of a trained nurse, who will attend to ladies who require treatment of a surgical character. The compartment is fitted up with all the necessary appliances; and though so entirely new departure, the idea having emanated with Mr. Soul, is certain to be much appreciated. From his business experience Mr. Soul considered the department would prove of much benefit, and it has been added without any desire to interfere with the medical profession. The upholstering, construction, and embellishments reflect credit on all concerned. The lighting of the shop has been improved, and the iced drinks department has been increased.

Miss Goodenough is exhibiting in her window in King-street a branch of unusually fine plums. The variety is Wickson. The plums were grown by the Universal Nursery, Wahroonga.

The Parramatta Early-closing Association held a moonlight excursion down the harbour on Tuesday evening. A well-arranged concert was given on board, and the Royal Arthur was serenaded, Mr. Bede Hinchey singing "The Soldiers of the Queen."

We have received from Messrs. Buzacott and Ferris, insurance brokers and general agents, of Union Bank-chambers, Pitt-street, a wall calendar for 1898.

At North Sydney on Tuesday evening Constable W. Logan was the recipient of a gold chain trinket and pair of gold sleeve links from his comrades attached to the North Sydney Division of police. Constable Logan, who was stationed at Mosman, is retiring from the force.

In another column an advertisement announces a meeting of the committee organising a banquet to Mr. William Kelso at Garratt's Hotel at 8 o'clock to-night. The date of the banquet is announced as Wednesday, February 16, instead of Thursday, February 17, as originally intended.

In another column the address is requested of a person who saw a lady knocked down by a cyclist near William-street Post-office on January 31.

At the last meeting of the committee of the North Sydney Benevolent Society, held at the local Town Hall on Wednesday last, Mrs. Yarnold was unanimously elected hon. secretary, vice Miss Cook, resigned.

In our report of the Presbytery of Sydney of yesterday's issue a misprint occurs. "General Assembly assessment defalcations amounted to £363 15s 7d." This should read, "General Assembly assessment arrears," &c.

At a meeting of parishioners held last night in the Christ Church schoolroom, Pitt-street South, over which the Rev. G. Trower, M.A., presided, the following gentlemen were elected as delegates to the next synod:—Messrs. S. B. Wilkinson, M.A., T. J. Foote, and W. Warner.

A man named Edward Wren, who resides in St. John's-road, Glebe, was treated at Prince Alfred Hospital yesterday afternoon for a large wound on his head, which necessitated stitching in four places. He alleged that he had been struck with a hammer.

A FATAL FALL.

MUSWELLBROOK, Wednesday.

A well-known resident of Muscle Creek named James Meehan was returning home last evening from Muswellbrook, when, in ascending a hill near what is known as the four-mile bridge over the railway line at Muscle Creek, he fell from his cart, and when found was in a dying condition. He expired in a few seconds. The back band of the harness was broken and the shafts fell down. An inquest was held at the courthouse to-day, before Mr. E. Bowman, coroner. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

BRITISH POLITICS.

THE COMING SESSION.

FORECAST OF THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

A forecast of the Speech from the Throne to be read at the opening of Parliament has been published. The Queen's Speech will announce that friendly relations with the Powers have been maintained. The services of the European Concert with regard to Greece are recognised, and the hope is expressed that a satisfactory settlement with regard to Crete will be arrived at.

The splendid valour and loyalty of the British and native troops on the Indian frontier are acknowledged, and the future policy of the Government is defined.

The Speech also contains references to the plague and the famine in India.

The Speech will also refer to the treaty made with King Menelik, Negus of Abyssinia, and to the West Indian Sugar Commission. With regard to the latter, it is indicated that there will be a grant in aid of the planters as recommended by the Commission. A clause will also be added that it is hoped that the conference of the Powers to be held in Belgium shortly with regard to the bounties on beet sugar will result satisfactorily.

Increase in the army expenditure will be foreshadowed.

No reference will be made to affairs in China.

The reinforcing of Sir H. H. Kitchener's force in the Soudan will be alluded to; and, with regard to this expedition, it will be explained that the advance will be resumed on the first opportunity.

Among the measures which will be brought forward are Bills dealing with Irish local government, the army, the London municipalities, criminal law evidence, Scotch private procedure, vaccination, the London University, prisons, secondary education, church patronage, the adulteration of food and drugs, limited liability companies, agricultural holdings, and a mercantile marine fund.

Mr. J. Lawson Walton, member for South Leeds, will move on behalf of the Opposition an amendment to the Address in Reply to the Queen's Speech, challenging the Indian frontier policy of the Government, especially in regard to the retention of Chitral.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

TRIAL OF M. ZOLA.

EXCITEMENT IN PARIS.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The prosecution of M. Zola, the eminent novelist, for the charges preferred by him against General Billot, the French Minister for War and General de Boisdeffre and General A. Gonse, high officers of the Ministry for War, to the effect that they had suppressed convincing proofs of the innocence of Captain Dreyfus for one year in order to obviate the confession that the authorities had committed an abominable judicial error, has begun.

The trial is causing great excitement in Paris, M. Zola having announced that he intends to call the leading officers connected with the prosecution of Captain Dreyfus, as well as to claim the production in court of all the documents in the Dreyfus and Esterhazy cases, and to produce expert evidence with regard to the handwriting.

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The Court has limited the evidence to what affects M. Zola's charge—that Major Esterhazy was acquitted by order of General Billot, the Minister for War.

M. Labori, counsel for M. Zola, claimed that he had a right to demonstrate the basis upon which the innocence of Captain Dreyfus stood.

The Minister for Justice has declined to authorise General Billot, Minister for War, to give evidence.

General Mercier and a number of military and civil officials declined to give evidence on the plea of professional and official secrecy.

There is much popular excitement, M. Zola being hissed.

A DISASTROUS FIRE.

200 HOUSES DESTROYED.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

A disastrous fire has occurred at Manila, in the Philippines, the capital of the Spanish possessions in the East. Two-hundred houses were destroyed.

AMERICA AND HAWAII.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

A Reuter's message states that Senator Morgan's motion in favour of accepting the annexation of Hawaii has been referred by the United States Senate to the Foreign Relations Committee.

TO-DAY.

New South Wales Chamber of Mines: Meeting of Members, Equitable Building, 8 p.m.

New South Wales Home-teaching Society for the Blind and Industrial Home for Blind Women, Strathfield: Meeting of Subscribers, Y.M.C. Association Rooms, 5 p.m.

Pitt-street Congregational Literary and Social Union: Lecture, 8 p.m.

Darlington Freetrade and Liberal Association: Meeting, Rooms, Glengarry Castle Hotel, Wells-street, 8 p.m.

Manchester Unity Hall, Elizabeth-street: Dr. Ida Carlson's Health Lecture to Ladies, 3 p.m.

Mr. Henry L. Traveller will Lecture in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, on the "Origin, Growth, and Destiny of the British Nation, and the Coming War," 8 p.m.

L.O.L. 30: Official Visit, 204, Protestant Hall, 8 p.m.

Meeting, Hornsby Hotel, Peat's Ferry, re Recreation Ground, 8 p.m.

New South Wales Church Missionary Association: Monthly Meeting for prayer, Chapter House, 4.30 p.m.

Kensington Race Meeting: First event 2.15 p.m.

Sydney Cricket Ground: International Cricket Match England v. New South Wales. Gates open at 10.30 a.m. Play starts at noon.

Lyceum Theatre: "Man to Man," 8 p.m.

Her Majesty's Theatre: "Babes in the Wood," 7.45 p.m.

Criterion Theatre: "Mamma," 8 p.m.

Tivoli Theatre: The Kellino Family, 8 p.m.

The Cyclorama: Opposite Redfern Railway Station.

Polytechnic and Rontgen Ray Exhibition, 92 King-street.

A GENTLEMAN'S SMOKE.
Ogden's Guinea Gold Cigarettes cannot be improved, they cannot be equalled, the choicest of all.—Advt.

THE FAR EAST.

DESPATCH OF ANOTHER BRITISH BATTLE SHIP.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

H.M.S. Barfleur, a twin screw battle ship, which it was recently announced had been ordered to join the China Squadron, has sailed for China.

THE RUSSIAN AND BRITISH LOANS.

BOTH MAY BE REFUSED.

AN INTERNAL CHINESE LOAN.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

The Pekin correspondent of the "Times" reports that it is probable that China will decline both the Russian and the British loans. This is owing to the opposition of Russia to the British loan and of Britain to the Russian loan. It is probable that the Chinese Government will endeavour to raise an internal loan of one hundred million taels, relying upon Japan to agree to an extension of time for the payment of the indemnity, for which purpose the loan is required.

EVASIVENESS OF THE LEASE TO GERMANY.

A PRETEXT FOR FURTHER AGGRANDISEMENT.

ALLEGED MISCONDUCT OF THE MURDERED SAILOR.

LONDON, Feb. 9.

The evasiveness of the edict of the lease of Kiao-Chou, which Germany exacted from China for the Shan Tung murders, has been made the pretext for the occupation by Germany of a considerable area outside of the lease.

China maintains that the murder of the German sailor who was on outpost duty at Kiao-Chou was justifiable homicide, being brought about by the misconduct of the murdered man.

RUSSIA LOOKING AHEAD.

OFFICERS TO BE INSTRUCTED IN HINDUSTANI.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

The Czar has ordered that officers' instruction classes in Hindustani are to be formed at Tashkend, the capital of Turkistan. All general staff officers and one officer from each Brigade of Rifles, Artillery, Cossacks, and Infantry, must attend the classes.

Officers passing are to receive six months' additional pay, and one is to be sent to India annually.

FRANCE AND THE POWERS.

FREE NAVIGATION OF THE NILE.

THE FRANCO-RUSSIAN ALLIANCE.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

Speaking in the French Chamber of Deputies, M. Hanotaux, Minister for Foreign Affairs, said that the Government was still upholding the rights of the Powers who were interested in the free navigation of the Nile. He claimed that France had specially saved Greece from a greater disaster than had befallen that country. He declined to give any further explanation of the Franco-Russian Alliance. The Government had, he said, taken precautions to protect the interests of France in the event of the fall of China.

THE GREEK INDEMNITY LOAN.

GUARANTEED BY BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

The "Standard" says that Great Britain, France, and Russia have agreed to guarantee the Greek loan which is to be used to pay the war indemnity to Turkey, so as to facilitate the evacuation of Thessaly by the Turkish forces.

ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE IN ASIA MINOR.

A DISTRICT DESOLATE.

MANY PERSONS KILLED AND INJURED.

FOUR THOUSAND HOMELESS.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

Another earthquake is reported from the Balikesri district, Asia Minor. There have been great loss of life and much destruction of property.

Four thousand persons have been rendered homeless, and the list of killed and injured numbers 120.

AUSTRALIAN WINES IN ENGLAND.

SOME WINES CONTAIN TOO MUCH SPIRIT.

LONDON, Feb. 9.

Mr. Burney Young, manager of the South Australian Wine Depot, reports that the strength of some shipments of Australian wine is too high.

He says dry wines ought to contain under 24 degrees of proof spirit, and sweet wines under 30 degrees, to avoid the higher duty.

THE RANGATIRA'S SHIPMENT OF LAMBS.

GOOD PRICES REALISED.

LONDON, Feb. 9.

The frozen lambs which arrived by the New Zealand Shipping Company's steamer Rangatira realised 6d per lb. A few reached 7d.

It is unlikely that the price will be maintained when arrivals increase.

BOOMERANG BRANDY.
Two Gold Medals, Brussels Exhibition.

BRYANT and MAY'S VESTAS,
FULL SIZE, FULL COUNT.
See that Bryant and May's Name is on every Box

WATERBURY WATCHES,
Unrivalled for Time-keeping Qualities.
The best of time at the smallest cost.—Advt.

THE TURKISH FRONTIER.

OUTRAGES AT USKUB.

DEMANDS OF BULGARIA.

PROMISE BY THE SULTAN.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

It was recently announced that Bulgaria had made a strong communication to the Porte demanding that the oppression on the Macedonian frontier should cease, and that all the officials guilty of the outrages at Uskub, a town near the frontier, and of torturing 33 of the inhabitants of that place, should be dismissed.

It is now announced that the Sultan has promised to have a thorough inquiry made into the matter complained of. Bulgaria is, however, pressing for the dismissal of the officials involved in the outrages.

THE SITUATION IN AUSTRIA

GERMAN COLLEGES CLOSED.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The Austro-Hungarian Government has closed all the German colleges, with the exception of the theological institutions, for the remainder of the current term. When the colleges are reopened for the next term the students will be required to swear obedience to the Academic laws.

A recent cable message stated that the German University students at Prague, Bohemia, had been prohibited from wearing the colours of the clubs of which they are members. German students throughout the Austrian Empire sympathised with the Prague students, and as a token of their feeling refused to listen to their professors until the prohibition had been removed. Conflicts had taken place between the German and Slavonian students in many of the towns of the Empire.

BRITISH TRADE.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

According to the returns of the Board of Trade, the imports into the United Kingdom during the month of January show an increase in value of £140,823, and the exports a decrease in value of £554,832, as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

TRINITY COLLEGE EXAMINATIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

It has been decided by the authorities of Trinity College to hold higher professional examinations in the practical division than have hitherto been held in colonial centres. These examinations will be held in the important centres of the various colonies in 1899.

LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

THEORY EXAMINATION RESULTS.

LONDON, Feb. 9.

The results of the recent examinations in the theory of music in Sydney in connection with the London College of Music have been published. They are:—

Associates: Cross, Poole, Murton, Harrison.

Senior honours: M'Kenzie, Skinner, Inglis, Howell, Henderson, Melville, Hughes, Leckerstein, Drake, Burrows, Baxter, White, and Howe.

Passes: Small, Ross, Giles, Scott, Randle, Close, Davis, Cookson, and Starrat.

Intermediate: Jones.

Junior honours: Garrad, Sutherland.

Passes: Hill, Uther, Bastian.

Elementary: Small, Skinner.

THE BISHOP OF NORTH QUEENSLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

The Bishop of North Queensland (the Rev. C. G. Barlow, D.D.), will return to Queensland by the steamer Duke of Westminster.

SCULLING IN ENGLAND.

WRAY v. HAINES.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

A match has been arranged between James Wray, the Shoalhaven sculler, and W. Haines, the English sculler, the latter to receive 3 seconds start. The race, which is for £100 a side, will be rowed on March 2.

DISTRESS IN CRETE.

STARVING INHABITANTS.

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The distress in Crete is increasing. It has reached a most acute stage. Five hundred starving inhabitants have emigrated to Greece within the past few days, and 250 destitute persons are awaiting an opportunity to proceed to the same country.

TASMANIA.

THE BUSH FIRES.

HEAVY LOSSES.

HOBART, Wednesday.

News received from Franklin this evening says that 15 families have been burnt out there, some barely saving their lives. At Castle Forbes Bay nearly every landowner has suffered. Barns, crops, and cattle have been all consumed. The jetty also has been burned. In the North people at Burnie are greatly concerned, the fires being within two miles of the township, and progressing steadily before a strong southerly wind.

Bush fires are raging in the Port Cygnet district, and the whole country is apparently ablaze. Dillon's wheat stacks, Leahy's, King's, Kelly's, and other homesteads have been destroyed, and several lives are reported to have been lost. This is the most awful calamity that has ever been experienced in the Huon district.

To-day several sufferers who have been burnt out at Sandfly were brought to Hobart. The damage done is widespread. Many homesteads have been reduced to ashes, and all attempts to save property have proved futile. The telegraph interruption as yet prevents the receipt of full details.

The combined fleet is unlikely to visit Hobart this summer, but the Wallaroo and one other vessel will shortly arrive here.

CRICKET.
FINAL TEST MATCH.
The final appearances of the Wolfe's Schnapps £50 Cricket Coupon Advertisement will be published on Saturday next in the "S.M. Herald," "Daily Telegraph," "Star," and "News;" and on Sunday in "Times."—Advt.

VICTORIA.

THE BUSH FIRES.

NO FURTHER DAMAGE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A fresh southerly breeze blew throughout today and the weather was delightfully cool. News from the fire-stricken country on the whole is favourable. Details continue to be received of great suffering and privation, but so far as further danger is concerned matters are on the mend. Telegrams from Foster show that yesterday's blaze swept the parishes of Wonga Wonga, Wonga Wonga South, and Dumbalk, and the residents have lost everything. Parties of men who set out to fight the flames had in turn to flee for their lives and sacrifice everything. About 30 families have been rendered homeless.

The township of Anglesea, situated some 25 miles from Geelong, has been visited by bush fires. The local hotel and the Anglican Church have been destroyed. The hotel property is valued at £2000, and is insured with its contents for £500. The township at Ferntree Gully narrowly escaped, thanks to the efforts of a party of 50 railway gangers, who were sent to the gully to protect railway property. The houses were saved, but nothing could be done to prevent the utter destruction of the natural attractions. The Scoresby village settlement was almost burnt out and many miles of fencing were destroyed. It is reported that at Blackhill orchards, houses, and fencing have been swept away.

A CYCLING OFFER.

A cable was received to-day from Mr. Morgan, of New York, representative of the League of American Wheelmen, as follows:—"Guarantee Platt-Betts £500 and half profits six races; Reynolds, £250. Sail March 1."

The mortality returns for the metropolitan area show that the intense protracted heat of this summer sent up the death rate over 20 per cent. The infant mortality was specially heavy.

At an early hour this morning a fire broke out in a Sunday-school building of the Bible Christian Church at Numurkah. The building, which was a wooden one, was destroyed, and the flames spread to the church building adjoining, and destroyed the roof.

Ferntree Gully, one of the most popular pleasure resorts of the metropolis, has been so ravaged by the bush fires as to have had its fern growth wholly destroyed.

QUEENSLAND.

THE CLERMONT FLOOD.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The floods at Clermont reached their highest at noon to-day, when 2ft. of water covered the highest part of the streets. The flood is now subsiding. Considering the enormous quantity and strength of the current there was surprisingly little damage. The weather cleared yesterday afternoon.

THE CYCLONE AT MACKAY.

A TERRIBLE SHIPPING EXPERIENCE.

The steamer Franklin, which anchored under Flattop during the recent cyclone when Mackay suffered severely, arrived at Brisbane to-day. The chief officer describes the gale as the worst in his experience of 11 years on the coast. Between 10 and 11 on Sunday night the Franklin was riding with two anchors about half a mile inside Flattop. The starboard anchor, with 60 fathoms of cable, was lost. They paid out the port cable to 90 fathoms and worked the engines slow to half-speed in order to reduce the strain. Heavy seas swept over the vessel, carrying away everything moveable. The saloon skylight on the starboard side was broken, and the saloon flooded with water over the stokehole. A fireman, in trying to replace one of the plates, had one ankle broken. The vessel during the storm drifted fully a mile. The roof of the lightkeeper's residence at Flattop was lifted and carried along the beach. All the outhouses were wrecked.

Mr. Wragge anticipates another heat wave shortly over South Australia, the western areas of New South Wales, and over Victoria and Tasmania.

Advices from Camooweal show considerable rain has fallen since January 13 in the extreme north-west, viz., O'Shannessy and Avon Downs, 6in.; Rocklands, 6in.; Austral Downs and Lake Nash, 3in. Grass is springing well, and the creeks are running. At Boonoolcola during December and January 21in. were recorded.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE ALLUVIAL MINERS.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

This morning there were about 100 men on the Venture lease, but after luncheon only a few men remained on the lease. M'Kenzie and party and Frost and party continued sinking, and got below the 10ft. limit. At 3 o'clock a lawyer's clerk arrived with the injunction orders procured previously in the Warden's Court. The Warden had issued an order that the injunctions had not to be served by the police. The injunctions were duly served on five parties. Several received the order of the Court with the utmost complacency, and continued working. Others ceased work. It is difficult to see yet what action the men will take, but it is improbable that they will relinquish their claims without a struggle.

At the police court Edward Butler and Charles Waite were committed for trial on a charge of the larceny of £50 worth of goods from the Mount Charlotte mine. The accused were sentenced to three months' imprisonment for being unlawfully on the premises.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Mr. Charles Hodge, Registrar of the Adelaide University, arrived in Perth yesterday. He stated that the object of his visit is to establish the local centre in connection with the Adelaide University on a firmer basis. It is anticipated that one of the first things to be done will be to appoint a permanent chairman and secretary. Arrangements will probably be made for including music in the subjects of the local examination. Something might also be done in connection with the establishment of musical extension lectures, as in the country districts of South Australia.

Kate Tehan, one of the last batch of immigrant girls, while staying at the depot awaiting engagement as a domestic servant, yesterday saturated her clothes with kerosene, and set alight to them. She died in the hospital two hours afterwards.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Further reports from the country show that the thunderstorms were general. They reached the city early this morning and it rained steadily for a few hours. This timely fall will have the effect of replenishing the dams and tanks, which had become very low. Indeed, water-carting has been general for some time. The fall in Adelaide was a quarter of an inch.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The New Zealand Alliance has passed a resolution expressing regret at the retirement of Sir Robert Stout from politics.

Mr. Duthie has definitely consented to stand for the Wellington seat in the interests of the Opposition.

THE ADELAIDE TRAGEDY.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The inquest on Mrs. Fry, one of the victims of the Fullarton tragedy, was concluded to-day. After hearing additional evidence the jury returned the following verdict:—"We find deceased came by her death at Fullarton by being wilfully murdered by her husband, Elver Fry, who was at the time in a troubled state of mind." The funeral of the victims took place at the North-road cemetery this afternoon, and although strenuous efforts were made to keep it quiet, it was largely attended. Marjory, the youngest child, and the only one who survived, is progressing as well as can be expected.

TELEPHONETTES and Microphones for intercommunication in offices, &c.—Osborn and Jerdan, PRACTICAL ELECTRICIANS, 438 Geo.-st. (late Frost and Shipham).—Advt.

FEDERAL CONVENTION.

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

SCHEME OF THE VICTORIAN ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

FAVOURED BY MR. REID.

DENOUNCED BY THE OTHER NEW SOUTH WALES DELEGATES.

A LONG ACADEMIC DISCUSSION.

THE AMENDMENT NEGATIVED.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

It was anticipated when the Convention rose on the previous day that when members assembled they would be able to tackle the knotty problem connected with the finance and trade portion of the Commonwealth Constitution Bill, but they were doomed to disappointment, by reason of the fact that this morning only the manuscript copy of the Finance Committee's report was presented to the Convention by Mr. Reid. Members were not prepared to proceed with the consideration of the clauses based by the Drafting Committee on the report until that document was printed and circulated.

The debate in the Convention to-day was rather a dry and academic one. Members took up clause 121, which prescribed the mode of amending the constitution. Any law for alteration of the constitution must be passed by an absolute majority of both Houses of the Federal Parliament, and was thereupon to be submitted to the electors of each State. The clause also provided that the constitution should not be amended without the alteration being agreed upon after an appeal to the people. The chief question which came before the House to-day was an exceedingly simple one. Mr. Isaacs appealed in support of a proposition by Victoria that the referendum should follow in case of difference between the two Houses upon a proposed amendment of the constitution. The case put forward by the Victorian Attorney-General and those who supported him was that if both Houses agreed upon an amendment of the constitution there was to be a reference to people. Supposing one House only desired this amendment, Victoria wanted a reference all the same. Mr. Reid came forward with a proposition that the one House should agree to the suggested amendment in two consecutive sessions, and this seemed to be generally assented to. The discussion raised the whole question of the referendum, the double referendum, as well as all other appeals to the people of a similar character; but the debate was fruitless as well as wearisome, inasmuch as the proposed amendment by Victoria was negatived on division by 31 against 14 votes. Other amendments proposed by New South Wales were disregarded without debate. Finally the clauses relating to the amendment of the constitution were adopted without alteration.

PROCEEDINGS IN CONVENTION.

The President took the chair at 10.30 a.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. Reid laid upon the table of the House the report of the Finance Committee.

It was ordered that the document be printed.

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

The Convention resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole and proceeded to discuss clause 121, which provides the mode for amending the constitution. The first paragraph of the clause provides that the provisions of the constitution shall not be altered except in the following manner:—"Any proposed law for the alteration thereof must be passed by an absolute majority of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, and shall thereupon be submitted in each State to the electors qualified to vote for the election of members of the House of Representatives, not less than two nor more than six calendar months after the passage through both Houses of the proposed law."

The first amendment was by the Victorian Assembly, which was to strike out the words requiring an absolute majority and providing for a majority only. This amendment was not received with favour and was speedily negatived.

The next amendment was also by the Victorian Assembly. The proposal was to reject the word "and" in the clause and to insert the following words:—"Or in case of difference between the two Houses be referred in the manner provided by this constitution to the direct determination of the people."

Mr. ISAACS said that the amendment had been agreed to by the Victorian Assembly, and he hoped that full consideration would be given to the matter by the Convention. At present if one House desired that a change should be made in the constitution and the other House did not agree there was no one to decide the question finally. The people were to be consulted when the two Houses agreed what the amendment desired was. They should also be consulted when the Houses disagreed. If it was right to ask the people to say "yes" or "no" when the two Houses agreed it would also be right to ask them to say "yes" or "no" when the Houses disagreed.

Mr. SYMON: Your amendment is illogical.

Mr. ISAACS: The hon. member will have an opportunity of proving his statement.

Sir JOHN DOWNER agreed with the interjection of Mr. Symon that the position taken up by Mr. Isaacs was illogical. His proposal would destroy one of the Houses of the Federal Parliament, and that appeared to be his intention.

Mr. ISAACS: You are not fair in saying that.

Sir JOHN DOWNER remarked that Mr. Isaacs proceeded on the assumption that when a disagreement arose between two Houses only one of them—the House of Representatives—represented the views of the people, and should be allowed to appeal to the people by a referendum.

Mr. ISAACS: That has been the law in Switzerland for many years. It is not illogical there, and has worked satisfactorily.

Mr. WISE: It would be very good for us if we had not responsible government. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. SYMON: It does not exist in Switzerland, because the Houses there go direct to the people.

Sir JOHN DOWNER said the proposal would be a vital blow at the principle which should constitute the foundation of federation. It was useless to cite the practice of the Swiss Constitution, as there was not responsible government in that country.

Mr. DEAKIN remarked that it should be possible at any time when the matured judgment of the people had expressed itself that an amendment of the constitution should be obtained. He candidly admitted that Mr. Isaacs had not given sufficient weight to Mr. Wise's objection that whilst the proposal would be more valuable under the United States Constitution its utility would be much less under the responsible form of government which existed in the Australian colonies. He was of opinion, however, that the provision was likely to be taken advantage of under conditions of extreme rarity; and as it would not involve any injustice to the constitutional consideration by the people of a proposed amendment he would support Mr. Isaacs's proposal. One weakness of the proposal was the entire absence of any initiative on the part of the States in regard to the desirability of amending the constitution, and it was worthy of consideration whether, if a majority of the State Parliaments demanded an amendment of the Constitution, there should not be some power to remit that demand to the Federal Parliament.

Mr. SYMON expressed the opinion that if the last speaker had considered the matter carefully he would have decided against Mr. Isaacs's proposal. As a matter of fact, Mr. Deakin's argument was an entire destruction of Mr. Isaacs's proposal, as he showed it was utterly and entirely unnecessary. Mr. Deakin had clearly indicated that Mr. Isaacs's provision could be applied to settle an ordinary dispute arising between two Houses, as well as to amend the constitution. Such a provision would land them in a cul de sac, out of which they might find it difficult to extricate themselves. Where was the logic, consistency, or harmony of having a reference to the Parliament, and if there was a disagreement to have a reference to the people? He thought the best thing was to provide that an amendment of the constitution should be agreed upon by an absolute majority of both Houses; but a proposal that would destroy the power and influence of the Senate should be rejected.

MR. REID SUPPORTS THE VICTORIAN PROPOSAL.

Mr. REID observed that the object of the proposal was to relieve the Senate from a comparatively helpless state in reference to an amendment of the constitution, and to place it in a position to be able to appeal to the States as to whether or not the constitution should be amended. Therefore, instead of condemning the Senate, the proposal placed that body on a position of absolute equality with the House of Representatives. The Senate would be a popular body springing from the people of the States. Hence if they agreed that a proposed amendment of the constitution should be submitted to the people they should not be blocked by the House of Representatives. Surely each had a right to put an issue of that kind before the electors. Trivial proposals would stand self-condemned owing to the expense and inconvenience involved in a referendum, but in the case of a serious amendment the Senate should have the right, by an absolute majority, of asking people whether or not they approved of a proposed amendment of the constitution. The intelligence of the whole constituency when appealed to as one constituency was vastly higher than as appealed to in sections. He favoured the amendment subject to a provision that if the proposed alteration of the constitution did not pass the two Houses it should be agreed to by the one House in two consecutive sessions. (Hear, hear.) The amendment would enable the Senate to take the people of the States into its confidence whenever necessity should arise.

Mr. GLYNN said he thought that a more elastic means of amending the constitution should be provided, otherwise the federal judiciary became the lawmaker.

Mr. HIGGINS supported the Victorian amendment, and explained that he did not look upon it as being an extraordinary liberal change. He agreed with Mr. Reid's proposed addition that the intended amendment should be passed by a House in two consecutive sessions. This would ensure that the people would have had the subject well before them before they voted upon it.

Dr. COCKBURN said he was in favour of a referendum wherever it was possible to apply it with justice. The amendment would prevent either House standing in the way of the other House.

Mr. M'MILLAN said there was no doubt that the voice of the people might require to be heard in regard to an amendment of the constitution, but he could not disguise the fact that the referendum had not taken a great hold of the people of Australasia. They had no right to introduce into the constitution any experimental legislation. Mr. Isaacs's proposal struck a vital blow at the principal of responsible government. (Hear, hear.) Hence he considered it would be safer to let the clause stand unaltered. (Hear, hear.)

Sir EDWARD BRADDON said he was strongly opposed to Mr. Isaacs's proposal.

MR. O'CONNOR DENOUNCES THE PROPOSAL.

Mr. O'CONNOR said he would support the clause as it stood. (Hear, hear.) He believed the referendum was an expedient that should be adopted only under extraordinary circumstances, such, for instance, as an amendment of the constitution, and then only after the fullest possible opportunity had been given to both Houses to exercise their opinion and responsibilities. (Hear, hear.) He objected to the amendment in its present place, because it appeared to him as the very essence of the process of amending the constitution that both Houses should first of all express their opinion on the matter. It would be a derogation of that principle if they placed the matter for decision in the hands of a majority of the people, because that majority might be obtained at a time of popular excitement. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. DOBSON said his greatest objection to Mr. Isaacs's proposal was that the present clause was most admirably suited to meet the requirements of the most democratic member of the Convention. Mr. Isaacs' proposal was absolutely unacceptable, as it struck at the very root of our system of responsible government.

Mr. KINGSTON remarked that he would support Mr. Isaacs's proposal, because he held it was useless to provide for a solution of a difficulty of a minor character, and leave untouched the solution of a serious difficulty affecting an amendment of the constitution. Was it to be tolerated that if the States, through their representatives in the House of Representatives, desired an amendment of the constitution, the Senate should be able to prevent the desired alteration being carried into effect?

Sir JOHN FORREST: The constitution should not be altered too easily.

Mr. KINGSTON concurred in that view, but it was absurd to say that the constitution could not be altered at all.

THE LEADER OF THE CONVENTION OPPOSES THE AMENDMENT.

Mr. BARTON remarked that after careful consideration he came to the conclusion that the proposal would not be an improvement of the constitution. (Hear, hear.) It was said that as the clause stood it made it too difficult to amend the constitution, and those who said so directed attention to the difficulty experienced in amending the American constitution. As a matter of fact the process in the Commonwealth Bill for amending the constitution was very much easier than the American process, yet it was proposed by Mr. Isaacs to make the Australian process simpler still. Generally speaking he was opposed to the referendum; not because he objected to the voice of the people being heard, but because it tended to whittle away the foundations of responsible government. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. SOLOMON opposed Mr. Isaacs's amendment on the ground that it was an insidious attempt to whittle away the powers granted to the Senate.

Mr. HOWE said he was strongly opposed to Mr Isaacs's amendment, as he considered the clause as it stood was quite sufficient to meet the requirements of the constitution.

Sir JOHN FORREST said he was opposed to the amendment.

Mr. REID said this amendment was a crucial test, as it was put forward in a reasonable manner. The referendum gave to each House the opportunity with proper safeguards of asserting a right. He thought that the amendment by Victoria gave an exceptional opportunity of liberalising the constitution.

The amendment was negatived on division by 14 votes to 31 votes. Those who voted in favour of the amendment were Messrs. Gordon, Holder, Lyne, Higgins, Dr. Quick, Dr. Cockburn, Peacock, Kingston, Sir George Turner, Sir Graham Berry, Trenwith, Deakin, Reid, and Isaacs.

The amendments proposed by New South Wales were negatived.

The remainder of the clause provided as follows:—"The vote shall be taken in such a manner as the Parliament prescribes, and if a majority of the States and a majority of the electors voting approve the proposed law, it shall be presented to the Governor-General for the Queen's assent, but until the qualification of electors of members of the House of Representatives becomes uniform throughout the Commonwealth only one-half the votes for and against the proposed law shall be counted in any State in which adult suffrage prevails. But an alteration by which the proportionate representation of any State in either House of the Parliament or the minimum number of representatives of a State in the House of Representatives is diminished, shall not become law without the consent of the majority of the electors voting in that State."

The Convention proceeded to discuss an amendment by South Australia to leave out all the words of the clause after the words "Queen's assent."

Mr. HIGGINS said he did not wish the constitution to be as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and the Persians. He wished to give the generation which came after them the same power of controlling the form of the constitution as the present generation. He had, therefore, moved to insert in the last paragraph of the clause the words "for a term of twenty years from the establishment of the constitution." If his amendment were carried it would be within the power of the people of the Commonwealth 20 years after its establishment to say what should be the proportional representation of any State in either House of the Federal Parliament.

Mr. REID remarked that having assented to equal representation, without which they could not have federation, he felt he could not depart from that position. At the same time he felt that this matter might develop startling anomalies in the Commonwealth such as existed in the constitution of the United States, where a few thousand people possessed the same power in the Senate as the representatives of millions of people. That seemed an anomaly. Still he accepted it in view of the fact that they could not have federation without equal State representation, though he regretted it very much. They must for ever accept the representation of the States in both Houses of Parliament.

The committee divided on Mr. Higgins's motion, which was rejected by 24 to 2 votes, the only delegates voting for the amendment being Messrs. Lyne, and Higgins.

Progress was then reported.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Convention at 5 o'clock adjourned to the next day.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE BOOK-KEEPING SYSTEM RECOMMENDED.

NEW CLAUSES DRAFTED.

The Finance Committee has at last presented its report. The committee was agreed upon the general principles as to the manner in which the financial problem should be solved from the first day it met, but, as the result of conversations between the "Herald" reporter and members of the Finance and the Drafting Committees, it seemed far from an easy task to express in so many words the intentions of the Finance Committee in such a manner as would be debatable by the Convention. The members of the Finance Committee individually, if not collectively, knew what they were aiming at; but in the first place they had to come to an agreement amongst themselves, and, secondly, they had to express that agreement in the concrete form which is necessary for a proper understanding of a clause in a bill which it is hoped will finally become implanted in the constitution. The very fact that there were two parties to this agreement complicated rather than smoothed over the difficulties which had to be surmounted. From what can be gathered from members of each committee it was ascertained that there were no lions in the path, but the whole matter had been a question of efficient drafting. Federal finance is admitted on all hands to be a complicated problem. First the object was to submit a report which would be easily understood by members of the Convention. The question as to whether the Finance Committee and the Drafting Committee have succeeded in their endeavours remains to be seen.

It will be remembered that at Adelaide the Drafting Committee made the mistake of submitting the financial clauses before they obtained the final views of the Finance Committee with regard to the scheme that should be adopted. On this occasion, however, the Drafting Committee took the precaution of ascertaining the final views of the Finance Committee before it completed the drafting of the clause dealing with finance and trade.

So far as the report of the committee has been considered by delegates it is regarded as a creditable piece of work. It would, however, require the power of a committee of sages to reconcile the conflicting views of members on the subject of federal finance. For instance, Western Australia has been granted large concessions and Tasmania has been denied claims that were earnestly put forward on her behalf. On the other hand, Victoria thinks that too great a concession has been made to Western Australia, and that it should be modified. It is therefore certain that when the report of the Finance Committee is brought up for consideration tomorrow it will give rise to a number of divergent views. A long debate may therefore be expected.

The report takes the form of a number of clauses which have been prepared by the Drafting Committee, and which it is proposed shall be embodied in the bill. The committee does not suggest any alteration in clauses 81, 82, 85, 86, 88, 94, 95, 96, 97, and 98 of the bill. With regard to clause 84 in the draft bill, which provides that the Commonwealth is to have exclusive powers to levy duties of Customs and excise, and offer bounties after a certain time, the Finance Committee suggests that it should be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following clauses in lieu thereof:—"On the establishment of the Commonwealth the collection and control of duties of customs and of excise, and the control of the payment of bounties shall pass to the executive Government of the Commonwealth. After uniform duties of customs have been imposed the Parliament shall have exclusive power subject to the provisions of this constitution to impose duties of customs and of excise, and to grant bounties on the production or export of goods. On the imposition of uniform duties of customs all laws of the several States imposing duties of customs or of excise or offering bounties upon the production or export of goods shall cease to have effect; but all grants of and agreements for any such bounties made by or under the authority of the Government of any State after June 30, 1898, shall be taken to have been of no effect. This and the preceding section shall not apply to bounties or aids to mining for gold, silver, or other metals."

The committee also suggest the omission from the draft bill of clause 87, which provides for the collection of existing duties of customs and excise, and recommend the adoption in lieu thereof of the following provision:—"But goods imported into any State before uniform duties of customs have been imposed, and thence exported into another State within two years after the imposition of such duties, shall on arrival in the latter State be liable to the duty (if any) chargeable on the importation of such goods into the Commonwealth, less the duty (if any) which has been paid in respect of the goods on their importation into the former State."

With regard to clause 90 of the Draft Bill, which provides for the keeping of accounts and other matters, the committee propose that the clause be replaced by the following provision:—"Until uniform duties of customs have been imposed—1. The Commonwealth shall credit each State with the revenue collected from the duties of customs and of excise, and in the performance of the services and the exercise of the powers transferred from the State to the Commonwealth under this constitution. 2. The Commonwealth shall debit each State with (a) the expenditure of the Commonwealth in the collecting of duties of customs and of excise, and in the performance of the services and the exercise of the powers transferred from the State to the Commonwealth under this constitution; (b) the proportion of the State according to the number of its people in the expenditure of the Commonwealth incurred by reason of the original powers given to it by this constitution, but any expenditure of the Commonwealth incurred only for the maintenance or continuance of a department of the service of any one State as existing at the time of the transfer, but originated by the requirements of the Commonwealth in respect of services or powers transferred, shall be taken to be incurred by reason of the original powers given to the Commonwealth by this constitution. 3. The Commonwealth shall pay to each State month by month the balance (if any) in favour of the State."

The committee also suggest the omission of clause 91 of the draft bill, which deals with the Commonwealth expenditure, and that it be replaced by the following new clause:—"During the first five years after uniform duties of customs have been imposed and thereafter until the Parliament otherwise provides—1. The duties of customs chargeable on goods imported into a State and thence exported to another State for consumption, and the duties of excise paid on goods manufactured in a State and thence exported to another State for consumption, shall be taken to have been collected in the State in which such goods are consumed. 2. The Commonwealth shall credit each State with the amount of duties collected and so taken to have been collected in that State and with the revenues collected in the performance of the services and the exercise of the powers transferred from the State to the Commonwealth by this constitution. 3. The Commonwealth shall debit each State with expenditure ascertained as prescribed by sub-section 2 of the preceding section. 4. The Commonwealth shall pay to each State month by month the balance (if any) in favour of the State."

In an explanatory note it is pointed out that the Premier and Treasurer of Western Australia pressed upon the attention of the committee the peculiar position of his colony in relation to her customs revenue, which largely consists of duties on intercolonial products, £380,000, in a total customs revenue of about £1,100,000, and in order to meet this difficulty the following clause is submitted for consideration:—"For each of the first five years after uniform duties of customs have been imposed the Commonwealth shall keep an account showing—(1) The amount which under the law of the State of Western Australia in force immediately before the imposition of uniform duties would have been collected from duties of customs and of excise upon the goods actually imported into and the goods produced or manufactured in that State; (2) the amount collected and taken to have been collected in that State from duties of customs and of excise, the latter amount shall be deducted from the former amount, and the balance (if any) shall be taken to be the net loss of the State of Western Australia for that year by reason of the imposition of uniform duties of customs and of excise and by reason of the operation of freetrade and intercourse throughout the Commonwealth, and the proportion which such net loss bears to the amount so collected and taken to have been collected shall be taken to be the proportionate net loss of that State, the proportionate net loss (if any) of each of the other States shall be calculated in like manner, and if the proportionate net loss of the State of Western Australia is greater than the average of the proportionate net losses of all the States the Commonwealth shall pay to the State of Western Australia a sum which will equalise the proportionate net loss of that State with such average, the amount so paid shall be taken to be an expenditure of the Commonwealth in the exercise of the original powers given to it by this constitution."

Finally the committee recommended the omission of clause 93, which provides for the distribution of the surplus, and the adoption of the following clause:—"After five years from the imposition of uniform duties of customs all surplus revenue over the expenditure of the Commonwealth shall be distributed month by month among the several States on such basis as shall be fair to the several States and in a proportion and after a method to be determined by the Parliament."

NEWCASTLE.

MARINE BOARD.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The weekly meeting of the Newcastle Marine Board was held at the offices, Customs-house buildings, this afternoon: Captain Cross (president) occupied the chair, and there were also present—Messrs. D. J. M'Lean, John Reid, Frank Gardner, and Captain J. H. Veitch (secretary). Captain J. Bain (formerly Deputy Harbourmaster for Newcastle), who was recently appointed by the Government as a member of the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. W. R. Logan, took his seat for the first time, and was welcomed by the members of the board. A communication was received from the Under-Secretary for Public Works stating that in response to repeated representations of the local board relative to the necessity for providing search-light appliances for the pilot steamer Ajax, an indent order for same had been lodged with the Agent-General in London.

THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the committee of management of the Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society was held at the Town Hall this afternoon. Mr. William Arnott, sen. (president) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of ladies representing the various suburban branches of the society. The monthly report stated that during the period under review 266 families had been relieved at a cost of £168 17s 7d; 85 meals and beds had been provided; 39 steamer and 5 railway passes had been granted; and 112 loaves of bread had been distributed at the doors of the institution. The monthly report of the house committee showed:—Admissions, 3 men, 3 women, 4 children; discharged, 2 men, 3 children; death, 1; birth, 1. The reports were adopted. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mesdames Cook and Duncan for services rendered as visitors during the month of January, and Mesdames Merrion and Lauer were appointed as visitors for the current month.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The Celtic Chief, ship, arrived in port this afternoon from Liverpool, via Sydney, with a part cargo of general merchandise. After discharging she will load a cargo of Wickham and Bullock Island coal for Valparaiso.

To-day's coal exports were:—Industry, ship, for Valparaiso, 2285 tons; Ouraka, s., for Port Pirie, via Sydney, 2950 tons; Cloncurry, s., for Fremantle, via Sydney, 2750 tons; Anglian, s., for Melbourne, via Sydney, 850 tons; Taieri, s., for Devonport, via Sydney, 500 tons. The Ouraka also took 460 tons of coke for Port Pirie.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

The first local prosecution under the provisions of the Public Health Act took place at the City Court to-day when Mrs. L. E. Strange, of Church-street West, was proceeded against by the Newcastle City Council for having neglected to report a case of typhoid fever to the civic authority. It was pointed out that the Act requires the nearest relative to immediately acquaint the public health officials of the existence of an infectious disease in the family, and that in this case the defendant, who was a sister of the patient, had not complied with the provisions. The medical attendant ordered the removal of the patient to Newcastle Hospital. Inspector Lloyd, who conducted the prosecution, asked the court to deal leniently with the defendant. The magistrate imposed a nominal penalty of 5s with costs.

THE LOSS OF MEMORY CASE.

The following is a description, furnished by the police, of a man who has lost his memory:—Aged 30 years, 5ft. 7in. in height, dark hair and whiskers, brown eyes, slight build. Ship and anchor tattooed on right arm, letters AW and WR on left arm. Clothes, &c.: Black serge coat and vest, black cloth trousers, yellow singlet, white shirt and collar, black necktie, grey tweed cap, lace-up boots. The clothes are old and much worn. The man has the appearance of being a cook or steward. In his pockets were found a pair of coloured eye-glasses, some keys, and a fountain pen. He wore a steel watch and chain.

The telegraph line belonging to the Railway Department was interrupted to-night by an accident near Ourimbah. It is understood that the severity of the southerly gale is responsible for the damage.

At a special meeting of the Wickham branch of the Political Labour League held last evening Mr. Frank Butler was unanimously selected the labour candidate to contest the Wickham Electorate.

The additions to the Great Northern Hotel have cost £3000.

FITZROY ELECTORATE.

A meeting of protectionists was held last night at the President Lincoln Hotel, Woolloomooloo. Mr. W. Martin, president of the Fitzroy Protection League, occupied the chair. Seven other persons were also present. Mr. Colonna-Close delivered an address to those present upon the necessity of introducing a policy of protection into this colony. He said he approved of the land and income taxes as an expedient, but not as a principle. The great principle of taxation was that no industry should be burdened either directly or indirectly. If a person patronised the products of his own country he need not pay a single halfpenny towards an import duty. The protectionist tax was therefore the best of all. Mr. Colonna Close was accorded a vote of thanks.

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.

ENGLAND v. NEW SOUTH WALES.

HIGH-CLASS BOWLING BY HEARNE.

A SPLENDID RECOVERY.

GREGORY 171.

The match England versus New South Wales entered upon its fourth day yesterday. The weather was very hot, so much so that many of the occupants of the pavilion discarded their coats and collars. The attendance was fair, 5000 being present, paying about £100 for admission. The play during the early part of the day, particularly before lunch, was very slow, a circumstance that was to be attributed to the superior bowling of Hearne. He kept an excellent length, and frequently got a break of five or six inches, while now and then a ball would come in very low from the pitch necessitating considerable watchfulness on the part of the batsmen. At the opening of operations New South Wales had lost two wickets for 140, and with the addition of 27 three more wickets had fallen. Trumper and Gregory increased the total by 67, when the former was bowled with an extraordinary ball by Hearne. With a few added Kelly was despatched, but then came the feature of the day. Gregory and Newell fired the spectators with their very clever running between the wickets, and at the same time the former hit all round with surprising vigour. So completely was the bowling collared that it was not until the total had reached 411, being carried from 229 or an addition of 182, that Gregory's chanceless innings closed for 171. After 50 it was just such another display as his 201 against Stoddart's previous team. With seven for 229, or a lead of 257, victory seemed quite within the reach of the Englishmen, but the foregoing partnership made so much difference that the visitors will now have to play an extraordinary game to win. Newell, to whom very great credit belongs, and M'Kibbin played out time, with the total at 452 for eight wickets. If no further advancement be made the Englishmen will require 480 to avert defeat. That such cricket as yesterday's should take place on the fourth day of the match speaks volumes for the wicket.

HEARNE'S SPLENDID BOWLING.

With two wickets for 140, Donnan 55 and Pye 23 resumed to the bowling of Hearne and Briggs. The latter offered the batsmen plenty of inducement to hit by tossing them well up, but the defenders were content to simply play the bowling back. Hearne obtained his length straight away, and every ball that he sent down had a certain amount of work on. The spectators grew impatient, but they were unreasonable. The bowling was really too good to be trifled with. On one occasion Donnan reached forward to the Middlesex professional but overbalanced. Board made two attempts at stumping, first by dislodging the bails and then by pulling up a stump, but each time Philips gave a negative decision. Slowly the score increased to 151, mostly by singles through the vacancies on the off, but they were few and far between. Here misfortune overtook Pye. In trying to negotiate an off break from Hearne the ball struck his pad and cannoned into the wicket. He had shown good defence with several sound strokes. There was, however, a lack of finish in some of his back play, but as this is his first big season it is only reasonable to expect that this fault will disappear with further experience. His performance for the match 111, for once out, is a highly meritorious effort. Indeed his season has been a remarkably good one.

DONNAN DISMISSED.

With the advent of Gregory, the New South Wales captain, it was expected that, although in his former innings he showed staleness, yet there would at least be some clever running between the wickets. The possibility of this, however, was immediately nipped in the bud by Donnan losing his wicket. He tried to lift Hearne to long-off, but was caught at mid-off by Hirst. His contribution was 55, obtained in two hours 55 minutes, a decidedly slow rate; nevertheless the batting, barring the fatal stroke, was safe. Four for 156 were the figures signalled as Noble went in to bat. Hearne's figures had undergone a great change since the previous evening, and with his spirits up, as they must have been at this time, there was no saying what might happen even on that wicket. He had sent down since noon 9 overs, 8 maidens, 5 runs, 2 wickets. Noble could make very little headway against him, and finally the Paddington representative went the way of his predecessors, being bowled with a clinking ball by Hearne, whose average had changed from one wicket for 32 to four, with an addition of but 10 runs to his debit. He had selected a spot and kept pegging away at it all the time, getting on several inches of work, and at the same time sending down an occasional ball that kept low. Trumper and Gregory were now together, but the slow scoring continued. Gradually the total reached 176, and here Hayward was tried in place of Hearne, and at 185 luncheon adjournment took place, Gregory being 17 and Trumper 8.

BRIGHTER PROSPECTS FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.

On resuming the batting became a little less unattractive. Pye relieved Coningham, who was acting as substitute for M'Laren, but after half an hour's work a ground man, Ferrier, went out and took Pye's place. Boundary hits were credited to each batsman, and then Trumper's score was advanced by a single and an overthrow by Druce for 4. Trumper was batting with confidence, but with 23 against his name Hearne sent down a ball that was irresistible, and there was a scatter of stumps and bails. Trumper did not know what to make of it, and that the break on the ball caused wonderment amongst the Englishmen is proved by the fact that no fewer than five examined and felt for some time the spot where the ball had pitched. It was clear that there was more "devil" in the delivery than the bowler had imparted into it. 6-23-229. The partnership had been productive of 62. But it was the thin end of the wedge.

A COMPLETE TURN IN THE GAME.

The association of Gregory and Newell was prolific of interesting incidents. The running between the wickets was some of the best that has been shown for a considerable time. Singles were stolen, and strokes that to others would not have yielded more than a single and a couple were increased to twos and threes. They succeeded in bustling the field in a most amusing fashion, and on one occasion an overthrow was the result. Many changes were tried, such as Wainwright, Stoddart, Hearne, Mason, and Hayward, but still the runs came, and gradually Gregory approached his century. The fast running, however, almost proved fatal to Newell in a double sense. Gregory played to Wainwright at extra mid-off, and ran through. Newell had just moved out of his crease; but Wainwright returned to the wrong end to Mason, the bowler, and seeing this Newell bolted for the other crease. Mason on receipt despatched the ball at once to the wicketkeeper, but it did not reach its destination, as Newell's head was in the road, and he got home safely. A paradoxical member remarked that the blow on the head saved Newell's life.

GREGORY'S CENTURY.

Afternoon tea arrived with the total at 294—Gregory 94, Newell 13. There were many who, anxious to see Gregory reach his 100, regretted the break in his innings, for it was feared that the loss of sight of the ball would be his downfall, as it had been in numerous cases this year. This, however, proved to be an exception.

On resuming 300 appeared amidst applause, and then a great and prolonged cheer congratulated Gregory on his century. It was undoubtedly the best innings that he had played this season, besides being his first 100 in first-class cricket this season. The task had occupied 162 minutes. Newell in the meantime had not been idle, having played many really sterling strokes, and, moreover, great credit was due to him for his excellent judgment between the wickets. Both men thoroughly understood each other, and their cool running completely nonplussed the Englishmen, who were quite at a loss to know what to do. Gregory three times in one over hit Mason for 4, and, facing Hayward, he on-hit a 4 and a 3, and passed Mackenzie's 130, and more cheering followed. "I never saw such daring and withal smart running before," remarked a regular occupant of the pavilion; "its magnificent;" and there were many who shared that opinion. The pace now made up fully for the slow scoring before lunch. At 358 Ranjitsinhji was deputed to see what he could do in the way of a separation. Although the Englishmen had succeeded in blocking Gregory's late-cut that very fact caused him to resort to his old on-play, and to show strokes which many thought he had irretrievably lost. He now used the stroke for all that it was worth, and made the palings in front of the ladies' pavilion rattle again and again. With 372 up, England required 400, and there were still three wickets to be disposed of.

A GREAT PACE.

After obtaining his hundred Gregory scored 53 in 34 minutes, and 144 were added in 84 minutes. Newell reached 40 with a well-run single to short leg, and this placed the New South Wales second innings past the Englishmen's first venture. Hearne was brought on at 388. With the aid of a couple of fours to Gregory off the new comer, one a substantial pull to the ladies' pavilion, and the next a late cut, augmented by a few singles, 400 was the total brought to view. Here Newell had a slice of luck in putting Ranjitsinhji up in the slips, there being no one near enough to secure. At 405 Wainwright went to the relief of Hearne, and Briggs, who, strange to say, had not been tried since lunch, was given a show in place of Ranjitsinhji. Gregory hit his first for 4, but the next brought a grand innings to a close. He essayed a big hit, but instead skied the ball in the direction of Hayward at third man. 8-171-411. Gregory had been batting since 12.20 and he was out at 5.27, and exclusive of adjournments his time at the wickets was 287 minutes. His first hour was responsible for 17 only, but the pace at which he moved afterwards is apparent from the fact that 154 were registered in 167 minutes—almost a run a minute. He gave no palpable chance, while his boundary hits numbered 23. The innings was well worthy of comparison with his 201 against Stoddart's previous team. He showed a great variety of strokes and much skill in placing, while his and Newell's running between the wickets was the theme of admiration and the cause of much enthusiasm.

WITHIN ONE OF A RECORD.

The partnership produced 169—one run short of the record of 170 for the eighth wicket in a first-class match in Australia (by H. Moses and J. R. Wood for New South Wales v. Victoria, at Sydney, in 1886).

M'Kibbin lost no time in jumping into double figures, punishing Hearne and Briggs. The first innings' score was passed, and the wickets were still intact when stumps were drawn, the total being 452 for eight wickets, Newell being 54 and M'Kibbin 31. Newell had played a splendid game for his side, and too much credit cannot be given him. M'Kibbin hit out lustily, and got his runs in a very short time.

The fielding of the Englishmen was brilliant. In the bowling the only one who gave any trouble was Hearne, and at one time he looked like causing a panic.

Scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

Iredale, c Stoddart, b Briggs	2
Donnan, c Board, b Wainwright	41
Noble, c M'Laren, b Hayward	34
Mackenzie, c Hayward, b Hearne	130
Gregory, c and b Mason	25
Trumper, b Mason	4
Pye, not out	80
Kelly, b Stoddart	14
Newell, c Hirst, b Stoddart	6
M'Kibbin, c Druce, b Briggs	20
Howell, b Mason	48
Byes, 4; wides, 2; leg-byes, 2; no-balls, 2	11
Total	415

Bowling Analysis.—Hearne, 32 overs, 13 maidens, 96 runs, 1 wicket; Briggs, 39 overs, 13 maidens, 98 runs, 2 wickets; Hayward, 15 overs, 3 maidens, 38 runs, 1 wicket; Wainwright, 14 overs, 4 maidens, 32 runs, 1 wicket; Mason, 12·2 overs, 53 runs, 3 wickets; Ranjitsinhji, 8 overs, 1 maiden, 17 runs; Stoddart, 13 overs, 4 maidens, 50 runs, 2 wickets. Briggs and Wainwright each bowled 1 wide. Ranjitsinhji and Mason each bowled 1 no-ball.

ENGLAND.—First Innings.

Wainwright, c Howell, b Noble	50
Mason, c Howell, b Noble	11
Ranjitsinhji, c Gregory, b Noble	37
Hayward, c Howell, b Noble	63
Hirst, c Newell, b Noble	4
Stoddart, c Iredale, b M'Kibbin	5
Druce, c Noble, b Trumper	109
Briggs, c Mackenzie, b M'Kibbin	18
M'Laren, b Noble	61
Board, c Mackenzie, b M'Kibbin	14
Hearne, not out	6
Byes, 4; wides, 3; no-balls, 2	9
Total	387

Bowling Analysis.—Noble, 51 overs, 15 maidens, 151 runs, 6 wickets; Howell, 10 overs, 2 maidens, 45 runs; M'Kibbin, 27 overs, 4 maidens, 108 runs, 3 wickets; Pye, 11 overs, 2 maidens, 28 runs; Trumper, 7 overs, 3 maidens, 21 runs, 1 wicket; Newell, 11 overs, 1 maiden, 30 runs; Donnan, 3 overs, 1 maiden, 9 runs. Newell and Noble each bowled a wide and a no-ball, and M'Kibbin bowled a wide.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Second Innings.

Iredale, b Hearne	7
Mackenzie, c sub., b Mason	52
Donnan, c Hirst, b Hearne	59
Pye, l b w, b Hearne	31
Noble, b Hearne	8
Gregory, c Hayward, b Briggs	171
Trumper, b Hearne	23
Kelly, c Hearne, b Mason	4
Newell, not out	54
M'Kibbin, not out	31
Sundries	12
Eight wickets for	452

Bowling Analysis.—Wainwright, 0 for 49; Stoddart, 0 for 22; Hayward, 0 for 81; Mason, 2 for 83; Briggs, 1 for 89; Ranjitsinhji, 0 for 32; Hearne, 5 for 90.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Below are given some additional returns of the municipal elections:—

Maclean.—Thomas Lobban, 100; Dugald M'Donald, 97; James Dowling, 88; William Peoples, 55; Thomas Ryan, 49. The first three named were declared elected.

Molong.—There were four candidates for three vacancies. G. Packham (re-elected), E. J. Hamey (re-elected), and Jno. Black. Messrs. Neilson and Lane unopposed as auditors.

Moree.—S. L. Cohen, A. Thompson, and J. F. Boydell elected as aldermen; D. B. Suttie, L. D. Monat as auditors. The local option vote was considerably against any new publicans, and strongly in favour of removals.

Picton.—Three vacancies. W. Pritchard, J. W. M'Quiggin, L. Nicolson re-elected. Auditors: G. S. Dalton and J. Steele.

Temora.—Alderman Lucas has been re-elected Mayor, defeating Alderman Tewkesbury by 5 votes to 4.

Wilcannia.—At a special meeting of the municipal council to-day Alderman Burke was re-elected Mayor for the ensuing 12 months.

Young.—At a special meeting of the borough council last night Alderman James Gordon was unanimously elected Mayor. At the conclusion of the business the aldermen and a number of the Mayor's private friends were entertained at the Albion Hotel.

MAYORAL ELECTIONS.

Adamstown.—Alderman Lovden elected by four votes to three, the other candidate being Alderman Gray.

Annandale.—The retiring Mayor (Alderman Allen Taylor) was unanimously re-elected.

Bankstown.—Alderman Ines Peter Miller was elected unanimously.

Bathurst.—Alderman F. B. Keany has been elected Mayor, unopposed.

Berry.—Mr. R. V. Boyd has been elected Mayor.

Bega.—Alderman Frederick Bland, who has been Mayor of Bega for the past eight years, was re-elected Mayor last night.

Botany.—Alderman Francis Hambly has been unanimously elected Mayor.

Coraki.—Captain Storey has been re-elected Mayor.

East Maitland.—Alderman J. H. F. Waller has been elected Mayor.

Hamilton.—Alderman Sharp re-elected.

Leichhardt.—There were three candidates nominated—Aldermen J. P. Treadgold, W. B. Wragge, and A. E. Hearn. Alderman Hearn was elected.

Liverpool.—Alderman Moreshead was unanimously re-elected Mayor last night.

Lismore.—Alderman J. F. O'Flynn was re-elected Mayor. Immediately after the election Alderman Gollan resigned his seat.

Lithgow.—Alderman Spooner has been elected Mayor.

Marrickville.—Alderman W. R. Benson has been elected Mayor.

Merewether.—Alderman Wilson elected. Other candidate, Alderman Robson.

Molong.—Alderman H. S. M. Betts was elected Mayor unopposed. A vote of thanks was accorded Alderman Packham, the retiring Mayor.

Mosman.—Alderman J. B. Alderson has been unanimously elected Mayor.

New Lambton.—Alderman Gray re-elected by drawing lots.

Nyngan.—Alderman T. J. Cahill has been elected Mayor.

Plattsburg.—Alderman O. G. Steel.

Rockdale.—Alderman W. G. Judd has been elected Mayor.

Rookwood.—Alderman J. T. Jay was unanimously elected Mayor.

Scone.—Alderman Solomons has been elected Mayor.

Stockton.—Alderman Young elected without opposition.

Taree.—Alderman Thomson was unanimously elected Mayor.

Waratah.—Alderman N. B. Creer unanimously elected.

Willoughby.—Alderman C. Leplastrier was unanimously elected Mayor.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD LEAGUE.

A society entitled the International Brotherhood League was founded in New York by Mrs. Katherine A. Tingley in September last, and something like a fortnight ago a branch for Australasia was formed, the headquarters being in Bond-street, Sydney. The institution is apparently an offshoot of the Theosophical Society, the members of which are, it is stated, members of the league, as they are all in sympathy with universal brotherhood. The first meeting of the Australasian branch was held yesterday evening at the headquarters, Mr. C. B. Hilliard (the president) occupying the chair, and the company numbered upwards of 50. The president stated the object of the league. Bro. T. W. Willans (president of the Theosophical Society), spoke on "The Perfectibility of Man," Mrs. Newton dealt with "Altruism," Bro. Willans gave an address on "Brotherhood," and Mrs. Willans took as her subject "Cause and Effect." Quartets were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Skepper and Messrs. A. Burness and C. Hudson, and songs were also contributed by Messrs. Hudson and Burness. During the evening questions were asked and answered. A meeting is to be held every Wednesday in Sydney or one of the suburbs.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS.

The eighteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. was continued yesterday at the Oddfellows' Temple, Elizabeth-street, Bro. F. Barnett, G.M., presiding. The usual congratulatory messages were received from M.U., I.O.O.F., Grand Lodge of Australia, I.O.O.F., and the Grand Lodges of Victoria and South Australia, I.O.O.F. Suitable replies were sent. The Grand Lodge was visited by P.G. Sire Bro. William Gain (of Victoria) and P.G. Sire Bro. J. Newton (of New South Wales).

The G.T., Bro. G. T. Clarke, opened a lengthy discussion on a graduated scale of benefits. On his motion the following was adopted:—Entry age, under 25: Sickness per week, 5½d; funeral per week, 1¼d. Entry age, 25 to 30: Sickness per week, 6½d; funeral per week, 1½d. Entry age, 30 to 35: Sickness per week, 7½d; funeral per week, 1¾d. Entry age, 35 to 40: Sickness per week, 8½d; funeral per week, 2¼d. The debate lasted through the morning sitting. On resuming after luncheon the secret work of the order was explained by D.G.M. Bro. Fraser. The report of the appeal committee re Granville lodge appeal was referred back for amendment. The appeal committee's recommendation, that Bro. Daley's appeal be dismissed, was agreed to.

The following officers were appointed:—G.M., Bro. M. Brennan (re-elected unopposed); D.G.M., Bro. H. Turner; G.W., Bro. G. Fitzpatrick; G.S., Bro. H. H. Greene (re-elected); G. Treasurer, Bro. G. T. Clarke; G. Trustees, Bros. J. T. Jay, A. Spence, and J. W. Brightfield. Other officers will be chosen to-day, when the business will be probably concluded.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

Public Holidays.—The following public holidays are declared:—Electoral district of the Hawkesbury, Friday, 11th instant; districts of Jerilderie and Orange, Wednesday, the 16th instant; district of Quirindi and police district of Cooma, Thursday, the 17th instant; electoral district of Lismore and police district of Picton, Wednesday, the 23rd instant; district of Temora, Thursday, the 24th instant; district of Uralla, Wednesday, the 2nd proximo; districts of Merriwa and Canowindra, Thursday, the 3rd proximo; district of Tumbarumba, Wednesday, the 9th proximo; electoral district of Grafton, Thursday, the 31st proximo.

COUNTRY NEWS.

MR. GARRARD AT BOWRAL.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

The Hon. Jacob Garrard, Minister for Public Instruction, accompanied by Mr. W. M'Court, member for the district, paid an official visit to Bowral to-day for the purpose of opening a new infants' department in connection with the Bowral Superior Public School. The new building has been erected at a cost of £1300. Mr. R. S. Mackenzie (Mayor of Bowral) presided. There was a very large attendance of visitors. In his address Mr. Garrard spoke in defence of the instruction given in Public schools against the charges of irreligion and immorality which were sometimes brought forward. He quoted the fact that 80 per cent. of the children of school age attended Public schools as a sufficient guarantee of their popularity. He did not wish to detract from the worth of private schools, but thought those who criticised Public schools most were those who knew least about them. He referred to the late Sir Henry Parkes as the one man above all others who had improved the educational system, and thought his services would be more appreciated as years rolled on. Messrs. W. M'Court, M.L.A., R. S. Mackenzie (Mayor of Bowral), W. Richards (Mayor of Mittagong), J. Mealing, and J. L. Campbell also spoke. The prizes won by the pupils during last year were then distributed. The children subsequently marched in procession to Mr. H. C. Fowler's grounds where a monster picnic was held at which the attendance numbered nearly fifteen hundred. The Association Brass Band was in attendance during the day, which was observed as a close holiday.

DENILIQUIN QUARTER SESSIONS.

DENILIQUIN, Wednesday.

At the Quarter Sessions yesterday, before Judge Rogers, Denis O'Grady was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for illegally using a horse, the sentence to be suspended on the accused entering into his own recognisance of £50 to be of good behaviour for 12 months. Henry Williams and Matthew Thomas were sentenced to four months' for breaking and entering a shop at Tocumwal. August Linden, for stealing a dray and harness, was sentenced to nine months'. In the appeal of George Peter Jensen, who was lately fined in the police court on a charge of having sold light bread, the conviction was quashed without costs on the ground that the deficiency should have been calculated on the average of the whole batch.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

A largely attended public meeting was held last night in the Town Hall, called by the request of the townspeople, to consider the subject of securing a site for a racecourse in lieu of the racecourse resumed by the Government for an experimental farm. The Mayor presided. The question was whether the Government should be asked for a recreation reserve simply or whether the site should be dedicated, as was the former reserve, for a racecourse or other recreation purposes. Ultimately the latter course was decided upon, and a committee was appointed to confer with the member for Bathurst as to the terms of the trust deed.

CAMDEN, Wednesday.

At a committee meeting of the School of Arts last night Dr. Bell was re-elected president and the Rev. J. W. King hon. treasurer. It was decided to make improvements to the billiard-room.

CARCOAR, Wednesday.

Rabbits are gradually invading the localities around Lyndhurst and other parts of the district.

CHATSWORTH ISLAND, Wednesday.

The favourable weather prevailing has induced some of the farmers to replant portions of their areas of late maize, which were destroyed by the wet. Patches that have appeared above ground look well. The sugar crops of all ages are beginning to show good growth. Growers have been put to considerable expense getting the fields clean, the work costing from 30s to £2 per acre.

The Colonial Sugar Refining Company's officials are at present measuring the fields that were planted last season. Owing to the proposed removal of the sugar duty the company will not give farmers the usual advances on young crops this year. A fair-sized area of cane was ploughed out last season.

COOMA, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Cooma Hospital took place in the council chambers yesterday afternoon. The report, which was of a satisfactory nature, showed that £236 had been set aside towards the building of a fever ward. The following were elected the committee:—The Rev. W. Anderson, B.A., Messrs. P. Mullane, C. Solomon, W. Spicer, T. W. Falkner, J. M'Donald, D. Jeffrey, E. Dodds, W. Madgwick, G. Rolfe, H. Stewart, H. W. Jackson, W. Willmott. The Mayor (Alderman T. W. Falkner) was elected president, Mr. C. Solomon treasurer, and Messrs. W. H. Halby and A. N. Wallace were elected auditors, and Mr. H. H. M'Donnell secretary.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

A successful Government land sale was conducted at the courthouse to-day, when the balance of the allotments offered in September were submitted. Thirty-seven were sold out of 40 offered, and were sold at a big advance on the upset prices and on the September prices.

The committee of the Mechanics' Institute has received a telegram stating that the Government has consented to a further loan for the building of a library, reading room, and offices in front of the present hall.

DENILIQUIN, Wednesday.

At the Crown lands auction sale to-day portion 36, of 160 acres, parish of Bunagooka, was sold to Messrs. M'Laurin Brothers at the upset price of £3 15s; portion 86, parish of Willeroo, 132 acres, sold to Mr. Robert Landale at £2 19s 6d, the upset price being £2.

GUNNEDAH, Wednesday.

James Hardy, alias Henderson, was brought up at the police court here to-day, on remand, on two charges of horse-stealing, and was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, to be held in March.

The hot dry weather is very much against some of the maize crops near town, and several farmers have given up hopes of them.

Mr. W. L. Douglas addressed the electors last night on political matters, and had a very good meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded him.

GOSFORD, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the School of Arts was held in the hall on Monday evening, when the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. Statham; vice-presidents, Mr. W. M'Intyre and Dr. Fielder; treasurer, Mr. C. Peck; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Wheeler; committee, Messrs. A. Fox, J. F. Parr, G. E. Brown, Charles Peck, jun., E. Draper, W. Burns; auditors, Messrs. M. Ward and H. S. Beveridge.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.

At the Presbyterian Church last night the Rev. W. M. Dill Macky delivered an instructive and humorous lecture, entitled "The Genius of the British People."

MILTON, Wednesday.

A public meeting was held last night to consider what steps should be taken to welcome and entertain the Premier on the occasion of his proposed visit. The Mayor presided. It was decided to invite the townspeople and brass band to meet the Premier outside the town, and escort him into Milton, where the Mayor, on behalf of the residents, will give him a public welcome, and present him with an address.

MITTAGONG, Wednesday.

A fair in aid of the Church of England Rectory Enlargement Fund was opened this afternoon in the schoolroom by Mrs. Roberts, wife of Colonel Roberts. The attendance was good. A number of girls during the afternoon gave the Maypole dance and a floral march.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

A sale of work was opened at Meranburn yesterday, in aid of the Wesleyan Church. There was a large attendance, and the sale proved highly satisfactory.

Ten thousand bags of wheat were sent by rail from Molong district last week.

MOSS VALE, Wednesday.

Much regret has been caused throughout the Berrima district at the death of Mr. W. Chapman, who died on Sunday last at Berrima at the age of 75. He was uncle to Mr. Chapman, M.L.A., and grand uncle to Miss Walker, whose death was reported last month. Mr. Chapman was one of the oldest inhabitants of the district. The funeral took place yesterday, and was followed by a very large number of persons to Summon Forest cemetery.

The Rev. Father Prendergast, of Berrima, is leaving here this week to fulfil his appointment at Lewisham after four years' parochial duties at Berrima. His successor will be the Rev. Father Sheridan, from Milton.

MUSWELLBROOK, Wednesday.

A public meeting will be held here on Monday night next for the purpose of showing sympathy with and rendering assistance to the sufferers by the Gippsland fires.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

Many cases of typhoid are still reported, and another death occurred on Monday. Diphtheria has also made its appearance.

TOMINGLEY, Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Brown, M.L.A. for Condobolin, addressed the electors at the Royal Hotel last evening, and was accorded a good reception. He gave an interesting resume of the matters dealt with in the Assembly during the session.

TOMKI, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Coraki School of Arts was held last night, and officers for the ensuing year were appointed.

TRANGIE, Wednesday.

Mr. James Morgan, ex-M.L.A., opened the electoral campaign for the Dubbo electorate here on Tuesday evening. He announced that he had been selected by the protectionists at Dubbo in their interests. He stated that he was in favour of repealing the Premier's policy of land and income taxation, and would support Custom-house duties.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

An unusual phenomenon was observed this morning. A solar bow completely encircled the sun. Evidently it was a threefold reflection of a rainbow some distance away. It is seldom a bow of this sort is sufficiently distinct to be seen with the naked eye.

At the first meeting of the new committee of the hospital last night Mr. J. J. M'Grath was re-elected president, Messrs. R. T. Heydon and G. Coleman vice-presidents, and Mr. R. M. Chapman treasurer.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

The third distribution of £200 in connection with the Wellington Starr-Bowkett Building Society took place last evening at Coupland's Hall. There was a large attendance of shareholders and of the general public. Mr. Patrick Kenehan, wheelwright, of Wellington, was the lucky member.

Constable James Haynes, of Bodangora, was on Monday night accorded a hearty send-off by the residents consequent on his removal to Hargraves. Mr. Haynes has been 16 months here, and was the first officer appointed in charge of Bodangora.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the district hospital took place last night in the Oddfellows' Hall. Mr. J. W. Broughton, president, was in the chair. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £9 17s 1d. The receipts for the year, including a balance of £377 12s from the previous year amounted to £914 2s 3d. During the year 106 patients were treated, 12 died, 80 were cured, and the others were relieved. The following were nominated for a committee of nine:—Messrs. Broughton, Evans, Dighton, James Crowley, Meagher, Souden, Crouch, Slade, Helyar, Hanson, and Mullan.

WINDSOR, Wednesday.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Pitt Town Dairy Company a proposal was laid before the shareholders to the effect that the factory should be leased, owing to the fact that suppliers were prejudiced against local directors, and would not send their milk. The meeting was adjourned.

There are several cases of typhoid in the local hospital. The borough council is having the whole of the town gutters flushed and treated with a disinfectant.

Rev. Dr. Mantell last night delivered a lecture on American humour to a large audience.

The whole district has been enveloped in smoke for some days, and the heat since Monday has been very severe.

YASS, Wednesday.

At the hospital meeting last night the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. A. B. Triggs; vice-president, Mr. J. Waddell; treasurer, Mr. C. P. Holmes; secretary, Mr. J. C. Wood; medical officers, Drs. Thane, English, and Doolan. It was decided to build a new wing at a cost of £600.

THE WEATHER.

A WARM DAY IN THE CITY.

HEAT IN THE COUNTRY.

THE SOUTHERLY CHANGE.

PROMISING SIGNS FOR RAIN OUT WEST.

The day broke yesterday with a clear sky and scarcely a breath of wind. By 9 o'clock a light north-wester was blowing just a hot Zephyr, which sent the temperature up to 79·2 in the shade at the Observatory. At 10.20 another 8 degrees were added, 87·2 at 11.28 a.m., 91·0; at 11.50 the thermometer stood for a few minutes at 92·8, and then fell to 92·7 just at noon. Again the hot wave came, and half an hour after 93·6 was the record, and between that and 1 p.m. the record was made for the day, 94·7. This is short of the record for the season at Sydney by 5 degrees, 99·8 having been touched last month. The heated air from the north-west lasted until 10 minutes to 1 o'clock, when the wind hauled into the north-east, and blew with increasing force to 20 miles per hour after 3 o'clock. In the city the heat was felt severely until the wind came in from north-east. A few cases of horses falling from sunstroke were reported, and altogether workmen employed on buildings exposed to the sun's rays, as well as those at work in foundries and iron-roofed workshops, suffered greatly. There was one assurance uppermost in men's minds, namely, that "after this we shall have a fine old-fashioned burst from the south," and people who frequent the places at which the coastal weather reports are given were glad to see that at Bega the wind had suddenly changed to south. It flew past Moruya and Jervis Bay, who gave it as a fresh gale, and finally burst on Sydney at 6.38 p.m. In town everything in the streets movable by wind whirled and curled high over the roofs of the buildings, while people felt the deliciously fresh and invigorating breeze, and relished the change, dust and dirt and all. In the suburbs, on the macadamised roads and half-made streets, the dust was almost unbearable. And it was astonishing how the wind gained strength in its career northwards. Between Eden and Ulladulla it was 30 miles per hour, then 25 up to Jervis Bay, and at Sydney 32 miles, with an extra vicious gust at 6 minutes past 8 o'clock up to 53 miles per hour. The temperature fell from 94·7 at 1 p.m. to 72·2 at 9 p.m. A few thunderstorms, some of them heavy, were reported on the south coast, and in the southern districts, but the best weather feature yesterday in the country was the news from the Darling country. Wilcannia at 9.35 a.m. reported that in the N.E. and N.W. dark clouds had appeared. At Wanaaring it was cooler. The same at Tibbooburra, and generally light rains fell in the west. In South Australia the rain had already set in.

A peculiarity about the southerly blow yesterday was the smoky smell of the wind, and on the water it was noticed that light dust, similar to the flaky burnt particles from a fire, fell on board the boats. The acrid smell of the smoke was, however, very pronounced.

BEGA, Wednesday.

The thermometer registered 95 at 9 o'clock this morning, and 98 at 10. A thunderstorm occurred about 3 o'clock, and gentle rain has been falling since. It is hoped the drought has been broken up. There is not a sign of vegetation anywhere. The town has been enveloped all day with smoke from the surrounding bush fires.

BERRY, Wednesday.

The heat to-day reached 101 degrees. A southerly wind sprang up about 3.30 p.m. and brought coolness and clouds of smoke.

BREWARRINA, Wednesday.

The temperature to-day was 105° in the shade. Mr. R. C. Kenyon, P.M., recently appointed from Bourke, sat on the Brewarrina Bench for the first time to-day and received a cordial welcome from the court officials and solicitors present.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The highest shade temperature registered to-day was 100°.

CAMDEN, Wednesday.

The temperature to-day registered 102° in the shade. This is the highest for this summer.

CANDELO, Wednesday.

The weather continues dry and hot. The town is enveloped in smoke caused through the various bush fires in the district. A change occurred late this afternoon, thunder with very slight rain being noticeable, but the district looks in a terrible plight through the continued dry weather.

CARCOAR, Wednesday.

Very sultry weather has prevailed here during the last few days. Rain is much required to revive the grass and maize, and to fill the dams and creeks. One grazier asserts that the grass is so parched that it will be necessary to fell saplings for the sheep to feed on the leaves.

COOMA, Wednesday.

Heavy rain fell here this afternoon. At times showers fell in torrents. Forty-three points were recorded about half-past 5. The hills surrounding the town are hidden by a thick smoke, caused presumably by the rain extinguishing the bush fires.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

To-day has been warm, the glass registering over 100° in the shade.

DAPTO, Wednesday.

This was the hottest day this year. The maximum heat was 103° in the shade.

KIAMA, Wednesday.

The weather to-day was very oppressive till about 4 p.m., when a strong southerly buster sprang up, bringing a large amount of smoke which enveloped the town.

KIANDRA, Wednesday.

A moderate south-east gale blew all this morning shifting to the south-west, when a thunderstorm passed over accompanied by one slight shower.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.

The heat was oppressive to-day, the thermometer registering 102° in the shade.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The weather continues very warm with no signs of immediate change.

MITTAGONG, Wednesday.

The heat was very great to-day. The town was enveloped in smoke from bush fires on the mountains around.

MILTON, Wednesday.

It was intensely hot this morning, the thermometer registering 106° in the shade. This afternoon a southerly sprang up, bringing a volume of dense smoke completely enveloping the town and obscuring vision beyond a few hundred yards. Rain is again badly needed. The district is looking parched.

PAMBULA, Wednesday.

There was intense heat this morning, which suddenly changed to coolness at night. Rain has commenced falling. The smoke has been very dense, obliterating the view.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

The weather was extremely hot yesterday. The thermometer registered as high as 107° in the shade to-day.

WILCANNIA, Wednesday.

The terribly oppressive heat continues, but so far there are no deaths from heat apoplexy.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

MORUYA, Tuesday.

The attendance at the show was moderate. Very few visitors were in attendance. Captain Millard, M.L.A., was in attendance. The principal awards were:—

Best shorthorn bull: Bergalia Estate. Ayrshire bull: Bodalla Company. Cheese: Robert Anderson, J.P., Lake View, 1; Moruya Dairy Company, 2; Maxse John M'Intosh. Blood stallion: F. Donaldson's Invincible. Lady's hack: Miss Mort. Single buggy horse: R. Anderson, J.P. Oil painting on canvas: Miss Grace Simpson.

ROBERTSON, Wednesday.

The Robertson Show was continued and concluded to-day. The weather was fine but oppressively hot. The attendance numbered about 2000. The following are the awards made to-day:—

Single buggy horse: O. E. Couch, 1; J. M'Clure, 2. Buggy pair: P. Duggings. Pair of ponies: T. Lade. Hack: [illegible] Brothers, 1; Moysey Brothers, 2. Ladies' hack: G. Lindsay, 1; James M'Lure, 2. Pony, 13 hands: H. Dennette, 1; Dennette, 2. Pony, 13 hands: H. Dennette. Jumping contest: C. M'Glinchy's Mischief, 1; W. Gillies, 2. Pairs: J. M'Clure, 1; W. Emery, 2; W. Vandenbergh, 3. Family buggy horse: O. E. Couch. Weight-carrying hack: C. M'Glinchy, 1; Lindsay Brothers, 2. Sulky turnout: Mrs. Stokes, 1. Lady rider: Miss Vandenbergh, 1; Miss Fleming, 2. Trotter: J. Dawes, 1; M. Moor, 2. Sulky turnout, driven by lady: Mrs. Stokes, 1; Mrs. Parker, 2. All-round horse: O. E. Couch, 1; J. M'Clure, 2. Lady equestrian: Miss Fleming. Boy rider: F. Wallace, 1; Charles Clarke, 2. High jump: H. T. Anderson, 1; J. Lindsay, 2; W. Lindsay, 3.

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CRUISE OF THE JOHN WILLIAMS.

A VOYAGE OF TEN THOUSAND MILES.

The London Missionary Society's handsome yacht the John Williams has completed another interesting voyage in command of Captain E. C. Hore. The cruise in the South Sea and on the coast of New Guinea has occupied three months and 11 days. During that time she has paid 22 visits to various islands and ports in the Cook and Samoan Groups, Niue, and New Guinea, finally leaving Iokea in the Gulf of Papua on January 26, bringing the mail from New Guinea. Mrs. Lawes, from Vatorata, and Rev. A. Pearse, from Kerepunu, have come to Sydney in the ship. Mr. Pearse, after many years' labour at his mission station, is returning to England on furlough. Before leaving Sydney, however, he will be busily engaged getting to press some further additions to the New Guinea educational literature. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin and child have also come in the ship from Port Moresby, and one Tahitian teacher and his wife. The first part of the voyage, to Cook Islands and Samoa, was accomplished without encountering much rough weather, and a visitation was made by the Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence, of Aitutaki, to the distant out-stations of Penrhyn, Manihiki, Rakahanga, and Danger Islands. Right across from Samoa to New Guinea there was a light, fair wind and smooth sea. A north-west gale was met with on approaching Samarai, and somewhat delayed the ship's progress; but from there she rapidly passed along the south coast stations to Iokea without any bad weather. On this passage nine new native teachers and their wives were conveyed from the Cook Islands and one from Samoa to New Guinea. From Iokea only south and south-east winds and fine weather were met with until about 70 miles north of the Frederick Reefs, where evidence was observed of a cyclone approaching from the north-east. Around the northern semicircle of this the ship was successfully dodged without encountering anything like its full force. But (apparently following in the track of the cyclone) a very violent N.E. gale was then encountered, which blew with hurricane force for the first 10 or 12 hours. After the gale had moderated, a big run was made down to the neighbourhood of Sandy Cape. On Sunday last, being close to Cape Byron, a sudden shift to south was followed by a gale from that quarter, which continued strong, with a high sea, till Monday evening, and further lengthened the passage. The ship returns to port in good condition, with all well on board. The total distance run was 10,562 miles, namely, under canvas 2584, steam 4765, steam and sail 3212 miles. Captain Hore remarked that the sailing distance was comparatively small, owing to calms and contrary winds. He had hoped to have done more under sail.

INTERVIEW WITH THE REV. ALBERT PEARSE.

The Rev. Albert Pearse, who, after labouring in New Guinea since 1887, is now returning to England with his wife and two daughters, last evening had an interview with a "Herald" reporter. Mr. Pearse has had a very extensive experience as a missionary. On November 5, 1869, he, under the auspices of the London Missionary Society, with which he is still associated, left England in the Harkaway, a sailing vessel of 800 or 900 tons, his destination being the Society Group in the South Seas, near Tahiti, which he reached in May of the following year, the voyage having occupied, therefore, something like six months, during which the passengers had a narrow escape from being wrecked. For three days the sun remained invisible, and when his Solar Majesty was at length seen it was found that the Harkaway was making straight for Christmas Island. The captain at once altered the course, and the danger was averted. The whole of the distance from England to the Society Group was not traversed in the same ship, the passengers disembarking at Melbourne, and the voyage being continued in the John Williams, the latter making her second trip. Mr. Pearse was accompanied by the Rev. J. L. Green, who was returning to his work. He laboured on two islands, Raiatea and Borabora, for 15 years, and then returned home to America. Two years afterwards he went back to the same sphere of work, being accompanied by his wife and three children. Having remained another two years he came to Sydney, whence he proceeded to New Guinea, arriving in September, 1887. The first European missionary in New Guinea was the Rev. Dr. Lawes, who was associated with the London Missionary Society. That gentleman, who was accompanied by his wife, arrived in 1876, having previously laboured in Niue, an island some 300 miles from Samoa; and in 1875 another married missionary, the Rev. James Chalmers, arrived, after working at Rarotonga. Moreover, native teachers trained by these two gentlemen in Niue and Rarotonga also went to New Guinea. Dr. Lawes and Mr. Chalmers were followed by other missionaries. Mr. Pearse arriving, as already indicated, in 1887. The labour done by Mr. Chalmers was principally pioneer work, but Dr. Lawes had settled at Port Moresby, where he continued to carry on his efforts until within the last four years. So far back as 1887 much good had already been accomplished in the district of Port Moresby. Christian communities having been formed, and the people having given up many of their heathen customs. Mr. Pearse settled at Kerepunu on December 1, 1887, and he had the great advantage of being able to talk to the natives in their own tongue straight away. Several teachers had already been at work in different parts of the district, but there had been no baptisms. There were a few who came to school and church, but the people were savages pure and simple, but not cannibals. The people in the east and west of New Guinea were cannibals; but those in the south-east, where the missionaries laboured, were not. Mr. Pearse and those with him got the children in his district together, and worked with them more than with the older folks, the latter saying that they were too old to be turned, having followed for so many years the customs of their fathers, but averring that the children would all be on the side of the missionaries by-and-bye. At one time, however, great opposition was displayed, for parents would break the books of the children, smash their slates, and destroy their pencils; but for a long time past there has not been anything of the kind. The sorcerers are, Mr. Pearse says, a curse to New Guinea. People worship—if it can be called worship—the spirits of their forefathers, and the sorcerers claim that the powers of the spirits have entered into them. They can charm for almost everything, and profess to be able to do supernatural things—to send sickness, wind, or anything else, to make gardens prolific, to cause pigs to have good litters, or to grant a prosperous voyage, equal ability being claimed to produce opposite effects. Where missionaries have been labouring, however, the natives are coming to side with them, and to see that trust in the traditions of their fathers is doing them no good. Many attend service, and the Sabbath is kept vastly better than it used to be. There is, too, a change in the very appearance of the people, for whereas at one time they had a suspicious, apprehensive look about them, as though they were afraid of being injured, they now come and associate with the Christians and take medicines distributed by the missionaries. The natives have been considered a very immoral people, but they are not so bad in that respect as has been supposed.

A great improvement has taken place in honesty and truthfulness since the advent of the missionaries. Formerly when women went planting it was necessary for their husbands to go with them with spears, for otherwise there would have been danger of their being robbed and killed; but now women can go alone without fear of depredation and murder. In the district where Mr. Pearse is labouring there are 19 stations, those taking part in the work including 11 South Sea Island teachers and six New Guinea teachers. There are three churches connected close together, one of them having 40 church members, another 60, and the other 90; but at one of them there are three services on the Sunday, the congregation sometimes consisting of upwards of 400. Mr. Pearse has been devoting considerable attention to the work of very carefully translating the New Testament, and he has got as far as the Acts of the Apostles, this portion being ready for the press, and he hopes that the Bible Society will print it when he gets home. He has also translated Old Testament Scripture lessons, 100 hymns, and the catechism. The translations are such that they will be understood by all the people in his district, numbering about 10,000, though several different dialects are spoken. Whilst in Sydney Mr. Pearse will put through the press a schoolbook translated by Mr. Holmes, of the Elema district, and a book translated by Rev. J. Chalmers. He will leave here for England in a few weeks, and after doing an amount of deputation work and discharging other duties in the old land he will return to Kerepunu.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

BREWARRINA, Wednesday.

Stock passings:—9842 ewes, James Coleman, from Thuringoona to Wagga; 650 mixed cattle, Scarfe Company, Coocoboogologo (Queensland) to Murwillbrook; 7000 ewes, F. W. Bacon, Bourke to Dumble; 502 bullocks, T. D. Palmer, Thuringoona to Tonay; Dubbo, 5323 wethers, F. W. Bacon, Bourke to Dubbo; 515 bullocks, T. D. Palmer, Bourke to Dubbo.

MOREE, Wednesday.

The latest stock passings are:—7000 ewes, Milkin to Willarie (Q.), Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. owners; 80 mixed sheep, Moppin to Watercourse, T. Doherty owner; 336 mixed cattle, Bragin to Manilla, J. O'Dwyer owner; 6000 wethers, Cropps to Bookerah, J. R. Brodie owner; 31 horses, Yarawa to Thorsby (Q.), Bushnell Brothers owners; 2000 wethers, Merriwa to Aberdeen, A.F. Company owners; 410 store bullocks, Western Creek (Q.) to Muswellbrook; 1500 fat wethers, Welbon to Sydney; 9700 ewes, Wallsend to Coonabarabran, 5000 ewes, 880 cows, Mount Hutton to Gravesend, W. Onus; 570 bullocks, Tenterfield to Terry Hie Hie, Dorman Brothers owners; 1000 ewes, Strathmore to Raleigh, W. Holcombe owner; 1200 fat wethers, Gwydirfield to Aberdeen, A.F. Company owners; 600 wethers and ewes, Clairmont to Sydney, O'Brien Brothers owners.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

The following are the latest stock passings:—5947 wethers, Gurley to Walcha, Henry Moses owner, G. Conlon in charge; 14,000 wethers, Gowan and Gunnedah, in charge; 1012 mixed cattle, Westwardongie to Muswellbrook, Winter, Irwin, and Allison owners, W. Wieting in charge; 85 rams, Gorian to Piedmont, Capel Brothers owners.

In Mainz, Germany, some of the streets are so narrow that waggons and bicycles are not allowed in them. Special permission is to be given, however, to physicians who use their wheels in practice, and so policemen cannot know a physician by sight, all these wheels have to have a special mark and number.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Kensington to-day, the first event starting at 2.15 p.m. Omnibus and tram services will as usual afford facilities for reaching the course. Forgery has been withdrawn from the Fourteen-three Handicap, Disfigured from the Fourteen-two Handicap, and Bonnie Doon from the Trial Welter Handicap. The scores of the International Cricket Match will be posted on the grounds.

M. Kelly has changed the name of the gelding Faugh-a-ballagh, by The Broker from The Roe, to Kildare. The gelding has not yet raced, but is entered for the Canterbury Park February Meeting.

The autumn edition of "Centaur's Index" is to hand from the publisher, Mr. R. P. Hurren, 389 Collins-street, Melbourne. This timely publication contains the names of horses engaged in the two great autumn handicaps—the V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup—their full performances up to the eve of the midsummer campaign, together with owners' names, weights, pedigree, and other useful information. The work bears evidence of carefulness and accuracy in compilation, and being of pocket size forms a handy and reliable means of reference for students of public form.

Mr. W. L. Davis, secretary of the Canterbury Park Racing Club, has made arrangements by which racehorses will in future at the conclusion of a meeting be entrained at Canterbury railway station instead of Ashfield, which is considered by owners and trainers to be inconvenient and unsuitable for the purpose. Horses, however, returning to stations on the Richmond line will as formerly be entrained at Ashfield.

The racing mare Aurea was returned by train yesterday by her trainer, H. Rayner, to her owner at Wellington, who intends turning her out preparatory to being used for stud purposes next season.

Entries close at 5 p.m. to-morrow with the secretary (Mr. P. O'Mara) for the events to be decided at the pony and galloway races at Kensington on Thursday, 17th instant. The programme will be found in our advertising columns.

The pony and galloway races to be held at Brighton on Monday next will require attention to-morrow, entries closing at 5 p.m. with the secretary, Mr. T. Peters. The card will be found in our business sheets.

Entries for the pony and galloway races to be held at Little Bridge on Monday night close at 5 p.m. to-morrow. Particulars will be found in the business portion of the paper.

The Brighton stewards yesterday inquired into the running of "small horse" Mirror in the Tempe Handicap on Monday last, and thought that it would be sufficient to censure all parties concerned in the matter.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPORTING NOTES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The inquiry into the riding of Furore by C. Quinn in the A.R.C. Two-year-old Handicap, which was opened on Saturday, was continued by the A.R.C. stewards on Tuesday afternoon. The taking of the evidence was completed; but owing to the absence through illness of Mr. S. J. Jacobs, who acted as chairman of the stewards on Saturday, the investigation was further adjourned for a week.

TASMANIAN RACING CLUB.

FIRST (HOBART CUP) DAY.

HOBART, Thursday.

The Tasmanian Racing Club opened its annual meeting at Elwick to-day and was favoured with a large and fashionable attendance, including Viscount and Viscountess Gormanston and suite. The course was very fast and somewhat hard, but the lawn was beautifully fresh and green, and the racing was highly interesting. The Hobart Cup was won after a good race by Roselia, who was not given more than an outside chance, and she paid the remunerative odds of 43 to 1 on the totalisator. The results of the racing are:—

Trial Stakes.—Exchange, by Arsenal—Arab mare (Stebbings), 1; Grandee ([illegible]), 2; Rain (Kerney), 3. Other starters: [illegible]. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 1 second. Totalisator dividend, [illegible].

First Hurdle Race.—Britannia, by Marcus—Lanoma (Lucas), 1; [illegible]. Time, [illegible].

Hobart Cup of 250 sovs. [illegible] Roselia ([illegible]), 1; [illegible]. Time, [illegible]. Totalisator dividend, £43 4s.

[illegible]

Two-year-old Stakes.—[illegible]. Won by a length. Time, 1 minute 36 seconds.

CANTERBURY PARK PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

Very hot weather was experienced yesterday for the pony and galloway races held at Canterbury Park, which were well attended. In the Brush Hurdle Race Toy, when leading, fell, causing his rider (E. Philips) to receive a broken collarbone. Arden was left at the starting-post in the Flying Handicap, and Nardoo soon after starting fell and dislodged her rider (H. Howard), who escaped unhurt. The stewards reprimanded J. Robinson for using abusive language to one of the officials of the club. The following are the results of the racing:—

Brush Hurdle Handicap (15 sovs), of about 1 mile.—T. Abeck's b g Ankle, aged, 10st (F. Wilson), 1; J. Robertson's br m Gliever, aged, [illegible] (D. Edwards), 2. Toy, [illegible]. Won by two lengths. Toy fell. Time, [illegible].

Flying Handicap (15.0 of 20 sovs, 6 furlongs).—J. Walsh's b m Trey, aged, [illegible], 1; J. Wilson's br g Commotion, [illegible], 2; [illegible], 3. [illegible]

Essex Handicap (14.2) of 20 sovs, 5 furlongs.—J. Knight's ch m Victory, aged [illegible], 1; [illegible]. Time, 1 minute [illegible].

Railway Handicap (14.2) of 20 sovs, 6 furlongs.—[illegible]

Telegraph Handicap (14.0) of 20 sovs, 4½ furlongs.—Perry's b m Bessie M, [illegible], 1; [illegible]. Time, [illegible].

Galloway Handicap (14.2) of 25 sovs, 1 mile.—H. M'Gee's ch m [illegible], 1; [illegible]. Won by [illegible]. Time, 1 minute 45 seconds.

BOSEBERY PARK PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The following are the weights for the events to be run to-morrow at the above course in connection with the benefit meeting tendered to the widow of the late jockey, T. Rooke:—

Maiden Handicap, about 4 furlongs.—Ruby, 9st 4lb; Divine, 9st; Figleaf, 7st 12lb; Fashion, 7st 10lb; Blake, 7st 7lb; [illegible].

Fourteen-two Handicap, about 4 furlongs.—Ruby [illegible].

Fourteen Hands Handicap, about 4 furlongs.—[illegible].

Fourteen-one Handicap, about 6 furlongs.—[illegible].

Rosebery Park Handicap, 6 furlongs 22 yards.—Glen Vive, 9st 2lb; Little Gladys, 8st 3lb; Shop Boy, 8st 2lb; [illegible].

SANDOWN PARK RACES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The race meeting held at Sandown Park this afternoon was well attended, and each winner was well backed. Substantial odds were laid on the Newmarket Handicap favourite, Amiable, in the Suburban Handicap, but she was beaten on the post by Kildare. The winner had to be sold for £50. The winning stable took their seven of £100 to Amiable, and the winners won their stake for this Newmarket Handicap. The following are the details:—

Trial Handicap.—The African (Pearson), 1; Scandal (Williamson), 2; Vigilance (Leek), 3. Seventeen started.

Sandown Park Handicap.—Vikoe (Leek), 1; Sinecurist (Hazel), 2; Longford (Thomas), 3. Twelve started.

Steeplechase.—Blue Peter (Wilson), 1; Albany (Howard), 2; Starlight (Johnson), 3. Seven started. Won by half a dozen lengths.

Welter Handicap.—Sailor Boy (Delaney), 1; Vigilance (Fenness), 2; Wellington (Leek), 3. Thirteen started. Won by half a length.

Hurdle Race.—Skewah (Skrivang), 1; Little Birdie (Barbour), 2; Bay (Wise), 3. Nine started. Won by half a length.

Suburban Handicap.—Amiable (Gardem), 1; Carrick (Cunningham) and The African (Fisher), dead heat for second place.

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The summer meeting of the Egmont Racing Club was commenced to-day, when the results were as follows:—

Egmont Cup of 350 guineas, 1½ mile.—Mr. W. Walters' br h Swordfish, by Hotchkiss—Fishgirl, 4 years, 8st 2lb, 1; Crusoe, 8st 12lb, 2; Coronet, 7st 2lb, 3.

COOTAMUNDRA RACES.

COOTAMUNDRA, Wednesday.

The race-to-day were attended by a large number, but withstanding the intense heat. There were good fields and fair racing. The results were:—

Flying Handicap.—Gipsy Girl, 1; Wallace, 2; Counterpoint, 3.

Hurdles.—Glen 1; Martin, 2; Empress, 3. All the others ran off.

Cootamundra Cup.—P.N., 1; Trichord, 2; Grenadier, 3. Eight started.

Welter.—Wallace, 1; Ishmael, 2; Scorier, 3.

Summer Handicap.—Gipsy Girl, 1; Dodger, 2; Monah, 3.

INVERELL JOCKEY CLUB.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

A day's racing was held under the auspices of the Inverell Jockey Club at Goodwood Course to-day. The following are the results:—

Opening Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Chance, 1; Rainbow, 2; Bandolier, 3. Thirteen started. Won by half a head.

Hack Race.—Hawk, 1; Bess, 2; Quicksand, 3.

Byron Handicap.—Orotava, 1; Outbalon, 2; Rainbow, 3. Seven started. Won easily by four lengths.

Flying Handicap.—Lord Monmouth, 1; Hawk, 2. Won easily.

Farewell Handicap.—Outbalon, 1; Derringer, 2; Rainbow, 3. Won with the greatest ease.

CRICKET.

STODDART'S ELEVEN v. COMBINED UNIVERSITIES.

In the event of the match England v. New South Wales not being concluded to-day, the contest between the Englishmen and the Combined Universities will not commence till Saturday.

HILL, CLARKE, AND CO. v. GOLDSBROUGH, MORT, AND CO.

Teams representing the firms of Messrs. Hill, Clarke, and Co. and Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. played an all-day match on the North Sydney Oval yesterday, and after an interesting and exciting game, victory rested with the former by seven runs. Hill, Clarke, and Co. were the first to bat, and put together 125 before being disposed of. Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. responded with 118. For the winners, Robin 14, Fitzsimmons 11, Evans 12, and Mackenzie 10, batted in excellent form; while for the losers, Nell 72, Smith 22, Fleming 21, Bell 13, and Cook 15, did well for their side. For Hill, Clarke, and Co. Stone most successful with the ball were Fitzsimmons 7 for 60, Doyle 3 for 39, and Wilson 1 for 27; and for Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. Cook 4 for 50, Pratt 3 for 33, W. Maiden 2 for 33, J. Maiden 1 for 10, English 1 for 11, and Smith 2 for 5.

Shaftesbury (Y.M.C.A.) defeated R. Harper and Co. at Moore Park on Saturday by 82 runs (Grant 27, Angove 17) against 56. Grant secured five wickets for 10 runs, and G. A. Look four for 13 runs.

Cleveland-street Public School met Brush Farm Reformatory on Redfern oval, and the former won by an innings and 66 runs. For the visitors Gillmore 45 and Burgess 15 not out got the runs best, and J. Stenson six for 15 bowled well; while for the Reformatory, Phelps 8 and Costello 6 batted well, and Phelps was most successful with the ball. A conspicuous feature was the wicketkeeping of Everett of the Farm.

CYCLING.

LEAGUE OF WHEELMEN.

The newly-formed branch of the league at Bourke have applied to headquarters for sanction for a race meeting to take place on Good Friday. As the Brewarrina branch are running a meeting on Easter Monday the fact of the Bourke branch holding a carnival on the Good Friday should assist the Brewarrina meeting.

The Goulburn branch of the league still keeps up its leading position, and the annual report this year shows the branch affairs to be in a very flourishing condition. The balance-sheet shows a credit balance of £86, and the muster roll shows 132 active members. At the annual meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Patron, Mr. A. B. Chisholm; president, Mr. W. Carey Taylor; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Wilkis, H. Finn, J. Towaley, J. Layton, A. Mitchell, and J. Braxton; treasurer, Mr. A. Mitchell; secretary, Mr. W. K. Quartley; captain, Mr. W. Gallimore; sub-captain, Mr. Willis.

ROWING.

NORTH SHORE ROWING CLUB.

At the thirty-seventh half-yearly meeting of the above club, held at Carnegie's Queen's Hotel, Alfred-street, the chair was occupied by Mr. T. R. Creswell. The interim report, which was read by the hon. secretary (Mr. V. Horniman), showed the position of the club to be satisfactory. The treasurer's report disclosed a credit balance of £10 4s 6d. The report, on the motion of Mr. Bannister, seconded by Mr. Colter, was received. Instructive remarks were made by some of the members present on the art of rowing and the advantages to be secured by following the practices universally adopted in the preparation of crews, crashing and training, by which methods, if adopted by the North Shore Club, it is hoped a more forward position will be attained amongst the boating clubs of Sydney.

LEICHHARDT ROWING CLUB.

The Leichhardt Rowing Club had a very successful moonlight excursion last night, at which there was a considerable number of patrons of the club present. It was intended at first to have a concert on board, but this was abandoned on account of the southerly that sprang up early in the evening, and the services of the Bavarian String Band were brought into requisition. The Parramatta Company's steamer Alathea left Dng-street wharf shortly before 8 o'clock and called at Longnose Point, thence to the Augustus-street wharf, Leichhardt. The remainder of the evening was spent up the Parramatta River, as far as Ryde wharf. The trip was of a most enjoyable character, and was under the supervision of Messrs. E. E. Hadley and C. J. Auld, who were hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively.

SWIMMING.

A concert in aid of the fund to send a team of New South Wales swimmers to New Zealand was held at the Temperance Hall yesterday evening. A varied and excellent programme was contributed to by Messrs. S. Shepway, A. Hoyle, J. Fitzsimmons, G. M'Ivor, M. M'Dermott, J. Healy-Pooley, E. Chalmers, Kennedy, and H. M. Cassell. Herr Hajek, the Austrian Hercules, gave exhibitions of his strength. Dr. Roth and Mr. Peterkin gave a display with swords. Mr. P. Keating was the accompanist.

REPRESENTATION OF A SWISS CHALET.

A novelty to Sydney in the shape of architecture has made its appearance in King-street, this being a building constructed to resemble a Swiss chalet. The premises referred to are those of Mr. Bernard, of the Fine Art Gallery in George-street, and they are situated near the corner of Pitt-street. Some time ago a fire broke out in one of the business establishments on the ground floor, and it was determined that the work carried out should not consist merely of repairing the damage done, but should be of a far more extensive nature. The place has, in fact, been practically rebuilt, and the name which figures over the entrance to that portion where the fire referred to occurred is compatible with the style of the building itself, namely "The Swiss Studios." On the ground floor is a handsome vestibule, whilst on the floor above is a pretty reception-room, and the top floor consists of a capacious studio with the most modern appliances—one advantage consisting of a constant flow of water over the roof to keep the apartment cool. Of the rooms drawing apartments. The establishment has been arranged with much taste, and presents an attractive appearance.

THE ABUSE OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Would you allow me to suggest a means of checking the very prevalent abuse of our public hospitals, which instead of being charitable institutions for the relief of the suffering poor are imposed upon by numbers of people who ought to be ashamed of themselves for robbing the poor of beds and doctors' free time. During the time of my practice I can testify to the great extent of the abuse, and could give many instances of persons worth thousands of pounds who have fraudulently posed as paupers, and so received hospital treatment.

I would suggest that the form to be filled up by applicants should contain a statutory declaration to be made by the patient (or by the husband, father, or responsible person) of his income and also of the value of his capital. That the latter information is required is shown by the following instance, when a patient who, as I afterwards learnt from his banker, had £10,000 on fixed deposit, told me he was not earning £1 a week (which happened to be true for that particular week), and so got admitted to the hospital and was operated on gratuitously.

If the patients had to make statutory declarations, carrying all the penalties for perjury if false, I think there would be far fewer cases of imposition, and the very fact of knowing that they would be so exposed should help to keep away many of the well-to-do class from troubling the hospitals at all.

As to the patients who go into private wards and pay from four guineas to ten guineas a week for treatment (all of which goes to the hospital and none to the doctor) there is a very strong feeling that public hospitals are not intended for such persons. Of course there is a strong temptation for the directors to augment the funds by receiving paying patients, but it is questionable if it pays in the end. I have heard many subscribers say they will not continue to contribute to the treatment of people better off than themselves, and if the present policy be persisted in there will most probably be a large falling-off in subscriptions and legacies.

I feel sure that if any of the hospitals announced that they would only admit indigent persons (and, of course, cases of severe accident) their general subscriptions would increase enormously. I have seen it so in the old country.

I am, &c.,

HOSPITAL DOCTOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of to-day I am glad to see that "A Country Practitioner" has, like Dr. Foreman, the courage of his opinions, and throws an additional light upon a subject that requires ventilating. That there exists parasites on our charities is beyond controversy, and the time has come when a radical cure is necessary. The fee for a private ward in our principal hospitals ranges from 4 to 7 guineas per week, to which patients pay a fixed fee, and there they receive every attention that is in the power of the doctor's fee. It is an authentic fact that cases which should not be admissible are too often relieved, to the exclusion of really necessitous ones. Here is one instance. The wife of a well-to-do man paid 3 guineas a week in a medical ward, whereas a poor woman who had travelled many miles for operation, and who on application at several hospitals, being unable to procure a bed, had to return to the country, after incurring the expense and fatigue of travelling. The generosity of the subscribers and philanthropic public is thus perverted into a wrong channel, and the deserving poor excluded from deriving the benefits intended solely for their use.

Hoping that others equally well informed on these matters, and with a more facile pen and convincing policy, will not be slow in supporting Dr. Foreman's laudable efforts to eradicate this growing evil,

February 9.

I am, &c.,

M. H.

A SPORTSMAN'S RENDEZVOUS.

While many sportsmen have been accustomed to travel considerable distances, and incur much expense in getting to districts wherein they could follow their pastime with success, it appears that there have been others more fortunate who have been able to secure shooting grounds within but a few miles of Sydney. This was the effect of some information which leaked out at the meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board yesterday. The way in which the information was elucidated was in itself interesting. It appears that the board has a sewage farm at Botany, where it receives stock for agistment, and where it also follows pig-raising with much success. The manager of the farm reported that three or four of the horses received for agistment, including one valued at upwards of 120 guineas, had unfortunately been in contact with the barbed-wire fences and got injured. Some curiosity being evinced by one of the members of the board to know whether the horses had a partiality for barbed-wire fences, the information was volunteered that sportsmen sometimes visited the farm, which was known to be much frequented by redbill, snipe, and other game. Some of the sportsmen had, it was thought, terrified the horses, and possibly in that way they had come into contact with the barbed wire. The sportsmen also drove the pigs out of the swamp so that they might shoot the game without shooting the pigs. A member of the board manifested some curiosity to know whether it was already indicated the board would not be liable for damages. "Oh, but we send a man to follow the sportsmen to see that they do no damage," was the assurance given. Then something was said about the privilege of shooting over these grounds being exercised by but few people. It was also stated that while permission was given some time ago to a number of gentlemen to shoot over portions of the farm the permits had since been withdrawn; but some of the holders of them seemed to have forgotten the circumstance. The outcome of the discussion was that authority was given to the manager of the farm to remove the barbed wire, and substitute plain wire fences, which should have a top rail; and it was also resolved that under no circumstances should shooting be permitted on any of the lands belonging to the board.

WAVERLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The opening proceedings in connection with the new Presbyterian Church, Charing Cross, Waverley, were continued last evening, when a public tea and meeting were held, each of which was largely attended. The tea was arranged under the supervision of Alderman W. Houston, and the tables were provided and attended by Mesdames W. Grahame, Watson, Begg, J. K. Smyth, Wauchaman, Ferguson, Legg, J. Macaulay, J. Macpherson, Wood, Leslie, Matheson, W. Houston, William Smith, Clubb, Telfer, J. Dickson, H. Cook, F. P. M'Cormick, Smith, and the Misses H. and M. Henderson, M. Ferguson, E. and A. Allen, J. Smith, F. Wood, F. Mitchell, G. Dickson, and Zoeter. At the meeting which followed the pastor, Rev. John Macaulay, M.A., presided, and referred to the success that had attended the opening services of the new church. The Rev. J. A. Ewen delivered a stirring address upon "Some Elements of Success in Church Work." Addresses were also delivered by the Rev. John Ferguson, Rev. A. J. Griffith, M.A. (Congregational), and the Rev. T. B. Holmes (Wesleyan). An excellent musical programme was carried out under the direction of Mr. J. D. Dunglinson, including two part-songs by members of the Liedertafel, which were well rendered. Mr. H. T. Gordon gave a fine rendering of Barnard's song, "The Shepherd and the Fold." "The Holy City" (Stephen Adams) was nicely rendered by Miss Rose Smyth. Miss Ruth Harper was well received for her rendering of W. H. Jude's "The Better Land." Mr. Dunglinson contributed the "The Nightless Land" (Pinsuti). The choir rendered the anthem "Arise, Shine" with good effect.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

Under the auspices of the Women's Suffrage League of New South Wales Miss Golding delivered a lecture in the large hall of the School of Arts last evening upon the subject, "The Benefits which the Franchise will Confer Upon Women." Mr. Macintyre presided, and Mrs. Maimer and Miss Rose Scott occupied seats on the platform. The great interest taken in the subject was manifested by a large attendance. The lecturer, who was received with applause, stated that in view of the approaching elections she thought she could not do better than speak upon a subject which came so closely home to women. At present there were many vital questions which women felt, but they had no means to express their opinion. She traversed the advances made for women from the time of the publication of "The Vindication of Women's Rights" by Mary Wollstonecraft up to the present day, and dealt so exhaustively and convincingly with her subject as to secure the frequent plaudits of her listeners. At the close Miss Golding was accorded a cordial vote of thanks for the lecture, and the enthusiasm proved nothing if not that Miss Golding was thoroughly convinced herself of the necessity for the extension of the franchise to women in the near future.

"SHALL I LIVE IN AUSTRALIA OR ENGLAND?"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have perused with interest an article in to-day's issue of your paper on the above subject, and shall be obliged if you will kindly permit me to make a few remarks with reference to your correspondent's contribution.

To begin with, the article might better have been termed "London and an Australian Metropolis," as the writer speaks principally of metropolitan life, and writes little of the delights of an English residence such as a sportsman or artist might consider it. But with reference to what J. C. M. does say. Firstly, he speaks of the improvement in Australian life. That within the last few years there have been tremendous strides towards a higher intellectual life in the colonies is undeniable, and there will be soon still greater improvement in this respect. Our people are daily awakening to the importance of education, and our young men and young women yearly distinguish themselves in art and science, and there is no question that the time is coming when the general healthiness, and happiness of life, there can be no doubt that England—I will treat it as a wider sense, Britain—offers far greater things than can be expected here.

The first fault your correspondent finds is with the omnibus. It will not please him that he must traverse the street in that old-fashioned article, the 'bus, that has disappeared from almost all Australian cities!

Exactly, but few Londoners travel in "an old-fashioned vehicle." The modern "'bus," with its well-arranged "garden seats" and convenient staircase, is a very different means of locomotion, as any Londoner will verify. What a splendid view you get from the top, too; how one is amused by the marvellous regularity that exists amongst the traffic, scarcely one collision in a day's, I may say a week's, wanderings through miles of city streets, crowded like herrings in a net. Then does J. C. M. remember the distance traversed for one penny?

With reference to well-appointed lavatories, has not this long been considered a very necessary institution here? and with regard to bathrooms in London or suburban houses are devoid of this luxury. In country houses occasionally they are not to be found, but then one has a warm tub by a cosy fire in winter, and in summer there is generally a clear stream near in which one can have a morning dip.

Now comes the "commissariat department." This I certainly must disagree with. There is nowhere one can dine more economically than in London. Do you wish to be fashionable? You can get a delicious lunch in the West End for 1s 6d. If you wish to mix with commercial men a city buffet will offer you a nice repast for 1s 6d. Let the visitor take a boat and go up the Thames. He will find few spots whereon he can land and not find a bill. Perhaps so! But there are numerous sweet old-time inns such as the "Swan" at Pangbourne, where one can sit in a scented rose-decked garden and enjoy a light repast; and there are many pretty cottages where "hot water" is procurable, and the "billy" will be boiled for you unless any trouble and with little expense.

Now comes the comparison of climate. "For six months in the year the English climate is pleasant; the other six it is impossible, nothing else." So far your correspondent. The English climate! Has he only been in London? Does he not know that there are many parts of England where nine months of the year are pleasant enough? And are the remaining three months to be compared to the present summer in Victoria, or 1896 in New South Wales? He perhaps forgets the long, dry, hot summer often experienced in the country here, to say nothing of the muggy heat of towns; and I have felt the winter in country towns like Bathurst more severely than the English December.

With reference to the arts and sciences, your correspondent and I entirely agree, and he partly considers the social life in its correct and acknowledged condition; but I do not think there is that much propriety he speaks of, and if English people are reserved they possess an amount of sincerity there more gushing cousins might well adopt. There is no place where a man is better "weighed" than in London. One can there have any society the person so desirous wishes, to be artist, barrister, or a gentleman of means, and in no place can one be happier or find greater conveniences.

But I have omitted one thing—the beauty of the country. Your correspondent, I fear, has not travelled largely in rural districts or he could scarcely consider it prim, and there are many counties possessing miles of luxuriant forest land, the owners of which are only too glad for respectable people to visit; and there are the glorious moors of Yorkshire and Devonshire, where one can ride at will over breezy uplands, scented with gorse and heather. Then, again, the sea coast. How few marine resorts there are here, while in England there are hundreds of charming watering-places, some fashionable, some quiet, each having some beauty, and many witnessing to the comfort and pleasantness of English life, with its delightful variety of scene and season, its well-ordered institutions, and the charm and refinement which an older civilisation alone can give.

Feb. 3.

I am, &c.,

S. R. T.

It is no unusual thing for a vessel plying between Japan and London to carry 1,000,000 fans of all kinds as a single item of its cargo.

Ensure Health, Wealth, and Happiness by drinking Nichols' Non-alcoholic Tasmanian Dandelion Ale.—Advt.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from Page 4.)

Custom-house.—Entered outwards: February 9, Perthshire, 5550 tons, Captain P. Wallace, for London, via Lyttelton; Sigurd, ship, 1490 tons, Captain P. Oxnevad, for London; Metha Nelson, schooner, 309 tons, Captain Rice, for Honolulu, via Newcastle; La Serena, s., 2286 tons, Captain E. Jones, for Fremantle, via Newcastle; Age, s., 2284 tons, Captain J. Bedford, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.

American underwriters have so promptly taken to the value of steam as a means of extinguishing fire that they have already placed two steamers with steam injectors (one at Charleston and the other at Galveston) adapted for this service at the call of all vessels loading cotton at those ports.

An English exchange remarks whaling won't pay nowadays. The Dundee Arctic Fisheries Company has consequently gone into liquidation to be wound up. The past season's voyages showed a loss of £6173, leaving a debit to profit and loss of £12,556. The results of both the sealing and whaling were unsatisfactory.

Steam as a fire quencher on board ship has long been advocated, though when a calamity of the kind happens in Port Jackson the old-fashioned way of scuttling or drowning with water still goes on. An illustration of the value of steam as a fire-extinguisher has been given at Galveston. The cotton-laden steamers Marstime and Ribston were both on fire under similar circumstances at that port. The captain of the Marstime flooded the hold, and the loss amounted to £7000, whilst the captain of the Ribston battened down his hatches and injected steam, which, whilst equally effective in putting out the fire, injured the cotton only to a trifling extent.

Captain H. Jackson reports that the Tomki crossed the Richmond bar on the 8th at 10 a.m., and arrived at Sydney yesterday. Experienced light S. and N.E. winds, with fine weather.

The Lake Superior was yesterday reported fixed New Zealand to London.

The German-Australian line steamer Stassfurt, from Antwerp December 8, in command of Captain Truisen, cleared Queenscliff at 12.20 p.m., for Sydney.

THE R.M.S. CHINA.

Completing one of her usual fast passages the P. and O. Company's China, in command of Captain M. de Horne, yesterday afternoon made Sydney Heads, and entering at 5.35 made fast at the company's buoy, off Mosman. The purser, Mr. James E. H. Walt, has supplied the following particulars of the voyage. The China left Tilbury at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 31, under the command of Captain M. de Horne, and proceeded down Channel, experiencing a fresh wind and fine, clear weather, the wind freshening considerably later. In the Bay of Biscay squally weather was encountered, the wind blowing from the S.S.E., the sky being overcast, and the ship taking spray forward. Gibraltar was reached on the afternoon of January 4, and owing to the inclemency of the weather the commander decided to remain the night. Fine weather was met with between Gibraltar and Malta, arriving there at 10 p.m. on Friday, January 7. Brindisi was reached at 9 a.m. on January 9, and after having taken on board bags of mails for India, China, and Australian ports, and saloon passengers, proceeded on her course, arriving at Port Said at 10.27 a.m. on January 12. The coal bunkers having been replenished the Suez Canal was entered at 3.30 p.m., and after a smart passage through the anchor was dropped off Suez at 9 a.m. on January 13. The weather experienced in the Red Sea was remarkably cool and pleasant. The China anchored at Aden at 5.40 p.m. on January 16, and the Indian mails, specie, and passengers were transferred to the company's steamer Carthage, getting under weigh at 4.30 a.m. Between Aden and Colombo a very light N.E. monsoon was experienced, arriving at this latter port at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 23. Here the China mails, specie, and passengers were transhipped to the company's steamer Coromandel, and we left for Albany at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 24, which after a very pleasant passage was reached at 4.15 on the afternoon of the 2nd instant. The Great Australian Bight was crossed in 62 hours, having experienced fine weather and light head winds. A brief stay was made at Melbourne, and the steamer on leaving was detained by smoke fog, finally getting clear of Queenscliff at 6.30 a.m. on Tuesday. The run from Melbourne was indeed made under unusual weather conditions, due to the remarkable bush fire smoke along the coast.

The amusements during the voyage were looked after by committees in the first and second saloons, and in addition the usual in and out door tournaments. The principal event was a fancy dress ball on the saloon deck, when the first saloon passengers entertained the second saloon, and a delightful evening was spent. The officers of the China this voyage are:—Mr. J. Bradley Brewer, chief; Mr. H. W. Fulton, R.N.R., second; Mr. H. S. Crawford, Mr. R. H. Brooks, Mr. R. H. Stringer, Mr. S. S. Holman, R.N.R., Dr. J. W. Smith; Mr. Peter Smith, chief engineer; Mr. A. E. Cuddy, assistant purser; and Mr. H. T. Walker the head steward.

THE QUARANTINED STEAMER CALEDONIEN.

The French mail steamer Caledonien, now at the quarantine ground, will come up to the Quay to-morrow morning to discharge her cargo. The Noumea portion of the cargo will very likely be taken by the Fudo, which is due here to-day from Brisbane. The steamer Tanais, which should have gone to Noumea to bring up the passengers for the Caledonien, was unable to get away on Tuesday night, and has since been withdrawn.

THE E. AND A. LINE.

The Guthrie, from Hongkong, left Cooktown on the 7th instant for Sydney, via Brisbane.

THE JAPANESE LINE.

The Yamashiro Maru, from Japan to Sydney, arrived at Thursday Island on Tuesday, and yesterday sailed south for Sydney via ports.

The Tosa Maru, hence to Japan, arrived on the 8th instant at Thursday Island.

THE NEW A.U.S.N. BOAT.

The new steamer for the A.U.S.N. Company, the Parra, arrived at Thursday Island yesterday. She left London for Queensland ports on 15th December, and came through the canal, passing Aden on the 5th instant. The Parra is a vessel of 2670 tons, and is intended for the interstate trade.

THE BALMAIN FERRY BOATS.

Our Balmain correspondent reports that considerable progress has been made during the past few weeks in connection with the repairs that are being effected to the Balmain New Ferry Company's steamers. In the case of the Lady Mary, she has been practically completed, so much so that a satisfactory trial took place a few days ago, and yesterday she was taken into Drake's floating dock for final attention prior to her taking up her position on the ferry, in the course of a few days. Improvements have been carried out which certainly add to her attractiveness, she being now more upon the lines of the Lady Manning. The Lady Napier is at the works, Pyrmont, where she is being raised some 15in. in the hull, and will be furnished more up to date as far as fittings are concerned. The Lady Hampden is just now alongside Grant's works, having her engines attended to.

ISLAND SHIPPING.

The Titus arrived at Samarai on January 13, and left on the 15th for Fredrik Wilhelmshafen and New Britain, thence to the Solomon Islands and Sydney. She is due here on the 23rd instant.

THE HALL FREEZING PROCESS.

In the annual return of the J. and E. Hall Company, it is seen that nearly 1900 machines have been supplied by them, all of which have been manufactured in England at their works at Dartford. Over 400 were fitted on board ship. The Admiralty have placed more orders, with this firm for fitting battleships and cruisers, the latest being for H.M.S. Ocean, Canopus, Glory, Andromeda, and Centurion. The installation of H.M.S. Sanspareil which was recently completed gave most satisfactory results at the trial. This installation is on their patent carbonic anhydride system, and includes the cooling of the magazines. The Japanese Admiralty have followed on with orders to the firm for fitting the more battleships, the Yashima and Shikishima, in consequence of the installation fitted by them in the Fuji having been so eminently successful. The three installations on order for the Dutch Admiralty for their new cruisers have been completed. In these installations full advantage has been taken of Hall's system to distribute the cold in various parts of the ship. The White Star Company have not only had their latest leviathan, the Cymric, fitted, but have also recently decided to replace the air-compressor machines, fitted some time since in their steamers Teutonic and Majestic, with the more recent and economical system of refrigeration. This will make 11 of their ships fitted with Hall's system.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

ANNANDALE.

The Mayor of Annandale (Alderman Allan Taylor) presided at the final meeting of the Annandale Council this municipal year, when there were also present: Aldermen John Young, Owen Ridge, J. J. Broad, J.P., W. R. Woods, I. Reginald Cohen, Wels, W. J. Ferris, Dent, W. Bull, A. E. Horton, and George Smith. A large number of letters were read from various councils in respect to the resolution of the council regarding the administration of the Public Health Act, those favourable to the proposed action being the Borough Councils of Bankstown, Waterloo, Ashfield, Marsfield, Balmain, Botany, Auburn, St. Peters, and there were some others who desired further information before coming to a decision. The annual report prepared by the council clerk (Mr. J. J. Shelton) was of a most encouraging character, in which were passed under review many of the important works that had been entered upon during the year, and the total revenue received from all sources showed some £995 to £d, whilst the expenditure, with sundry minor items, was about £360, and they had met all the outstanding accounts up to December 31, 1897. There remained a net credit of £23 4s 7d. The Mayor, in moving the adoption of the report, said he thought there was much cause for congratulation by the whole of the aldermen at the statement of accounts they had just heard read. It spoke well for the admirable work that had been performed throughout the year. They had provided for every penny of expenditure, and still had a credit balance to carry forward. He had always been strongly of opinion that municipal bodies should conduct their affairs precisely on the same margin as they would their own private business, and if the finances of the borough were more carefully safeguarded they would hear a great deal less of the enormous bad debts that were carried by many municipal bodies. There was also this gratifying feature, that the year that had just closed had seen more money spent in the borough than any of its predecessors on permanent improvements, and, though they had not received the promised special endowment, they had been very careful not to actually spend any money on the strength of a promise of receiving it. Alderman John Young, in seconding the motion, said he could agree with every word that had been spoken by the Mayor, and although he was not an active participant in the works of the committees, yet he could bear testimony to the zeal and ability that had been displayed, and the work had been done ungrudgingly, without fee or reward, which was not always borne in mind by the ratepayers. It was a most pleasing thing that they had not incurred any debt, nor added in any way to the indebtedness of the borough, and if all other councils had been run on similar lines a good many difficulties would have been saved. The motion was further supported by other aldermen, and was carried unanimously.

BANKSTOWN.

At the last meeting of this council the reports of the finance committee, recommending the payment of £22 14s, and further that the council's solicitor (Mr. Heydon) be instructed to take legal proceedings for rates, and that Messrs. Armstrong and Peek be appointed valuers for the municipal year 1898-9, were received and adopted. The treasurer reported—Receipts, £35 1s; expenditure, £29 3s 7d; credit City Bank, £115 11s 4d. A letter from the Department of Lands was received stating that, with the exception of five chains through a Government subdivision, no road has been provided by the Crown from the Bankstown-road easterly. On the motion of Alderman Gosper, it was decided to write to the owners of land westerly from Central-road asking them to dedicate a road in continuation of that road.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF TEMPERANCE.

NO. 9 GRAND DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the representatives from the subordinate divisions connected with the above order was held last week in the Temperance Hall. There was a large attendance. The grand scribe read his report for the past year, which showed a slight decrease in numbers. At present the total members under No. 9 Grand Division is 512 sons and 442 daughters. The following officers were elected for 1898:—G.W.P., Bro. Treadgold; G.W.A., Bro. Dennis; G. Scribe, Nathaniel Pidgeon (unopposed); G. Treasurer, J. Crofts (unopposed); G. Chaplain, Bro. Donaldson; G. Conductor, Bro. Mullens; G. Sentinel, Bro. Slattery; G. Superintendent, Juveniles, Sister Rookes; auditors, Sisters Masterman and Donaldson; trustees, Bros. Mullins, Davis, and Donaldson.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

Stock and Share business was again to some extent interfered with by the cricket match, though perhaps not very much, for the transactions lately passing may well be done at the morning and noon meetings. New South Wales Government Funded Stock was sold at late quotation. Commercial Bank of Sydney were quitted at yesterday's price, closing with a buyer at the same figure. For Australian Joint Stock Bank an extra 6d was offered; other banks quoted as before. Australian Joint Stock Bank A deposits continued to move off at the previous price; other deposits unchanged. Steam and insurance shares were steady, no business transpiring. Gaslight also neglected, the list being undisturbed. For Tooth's Brewery 24s 3d, the previous price, was paid. For Sydney Hydraulic the advanced price of 23s 3d was offered.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported:—At 3 o'clock: New South Wales Funded Stock (Act of 1892), 109½; Commercial Bank of Sydney, 22¼; A.J.S. Bank A deposits, 14s 6d; Tooth's Brewery, 24s 3d. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.
	£	£	£	p.c.			
N.S.W. Funded Stock Act, 1892	2,413,820	...	...	4	109½	109	...
Ditto Act, 1873	530,180	...	...	4	128¼	...	130
Ditto, due 1924	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
Ditto, due 1925	...	...	...	3	100	98	...
Ditto Deb., 1902	330,300	...	...	5	119	115	...
Ditto Deb., 1903	...	...	...	...	102½	...	...
Ditto Deb., 1909	...	...	...	...	100½	...	...
N.Z. Deb., 1923	300,000	...	...	4	106	105	...
Q'land Deben.	...	...	...	4	108	105	...
Colonial Sugar—Deb., 1914	...	...	...	5	112	110	...
Ditto Deb., 1904	...	...	...	5	...	...	...
Girilamb'e, 1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BANKS.							
Australian J. S.	1,167,200	10	7½	...	5/	6/6	7/6
City	240,000	10	5	4	69	64/	69/
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	...	...	65/
Com. of Aus. pref	2,117,070	10	10	2	76/	71/	79/6
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	8	22¼	22¼	22½
N. S. Wales	1,050,000	20	20	9	34¼	34¼	34½
Bk. Queensland	412,500	9	5½	2½	...	...	56/
Union	1,500,000	75	25	5	27½	26½	27½
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank Class A	...	...	...	3	14/6	14/3	14/9
Class B	...	...	...	3	12/9	11/	12
Ditto, Inscribed	301,141	...	...	3½	10/3	10/3	10/9
Com. of Aus., A series, 1896	...	...	...	3	18/	17/4½	...
Ditto assets	...	...	...	3	16/	15/6	...
E.S. & A. series	...	...	...	4	15/	15/	...
Ditto Term'ble	500,000	...	...	4	18/6	18/6	19/3
Ditto Debentrs.	109,575	...	...	4	16/9	16/8	17/
Insc., pref.	943,997	...	...	3	...	14/6	...
Ditto, def.	940,021	...	...	3	...	13/	...
Nat. of Aust.	...	...	...	4½	19/7½	...	...
STEAM.							
Illawarra	58,000	5	3½	8½	...	5½	6½
N. and H. R.	100,000	1	1	5	16/3	16/3	...
North Coast	121,740	1	17/6	8	16/9	16/9	17/6
N. S. Ferry	60,000	1	1	10	50/	49/6	51/
Port Jackson	25,000	50/	25/	...	29/6	29/	30/
Ditto Co-op'tive Deb. Shares	...	...	1	...	17/	...	18/
INSURANCE.							
A.M. Fire	25,000	1	5/	22½	21/6	21/3	...
City M. Fire	15,000	1	2/	10	3/10	...	...
Mer. Mut.	26,250	1	3/6	15½	9/3	9/6	...
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	17½	...	...	...
United	62,500	10	2½	12½	85/	82/6	86/6
Ditto, New	5,725	10	12/6	12½	...	19/	21/
GAS.							
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	...	14/	17/
Australian	681,798	6	6	9	16/11	16¾	16¾
City Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	42/	...	42/
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	24/6	24/	25/
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	24/	24/	...
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10/	7	...	11/	13/6
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	6	18/9	18/	19/
Newcastle	25,128	2	2	12½	97/6	5	5¼
North Shore	60,000	1	1	6	26/8	26/3	26/9
Ditto, New	10,000	1	10	6	13/9	13/6	14/6
BREWERIES.							
Albury	21,000	1	10/	5	...	6/	9/3
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...
Australian	96,000	1	1	...	10/	...	7/
Castlemaine and Wood Bros.	250,000	...	1	5	16/	15/	15/9
Marshall's	31,250	10	5/	6	3/7	3/4	3/6
Perkins's	58,323	15	15	10	...	...	...
Tooth's	950,000	1	1	7	24/3	24/1½	24/3
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Aarons'	17,500	15	10	5	2/9	2/9	...
Australian Newspaper	...	...	...	...	24/6	24/6	...
B.H.W. Supply	196,500	1	1	10	17/	...	...
Burns, Philp	280,000	1	1	8	25/	24/6	...
Ditto	17,500	1	5/	8	...	...	7/
Col. Sugar	1,752,000	20	20	10	28½	28¼	28½
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	5	...	5
Emu Bay R'lway	100,000	1	1	...	...	...	...
Ditto	150,000	1	10	...	...	...	...
Emu Gravel	24,000	1	1	2½	...	...	...
Fresh F'd & Ice	170,000	1	18/	8	19/3	...	...
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin	50,000	1	1	8	...	...	...
Ditto	50,000	1	10/	8	11/	...	...
Melbourne T'mw	480,000	1	10/	8	12/3	...	...
Mont de Piete	75,497	1	1	10	34/	34/	...
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	5	2/2	2/	2/3
Perp. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	6	...	7/	8/
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	...	...	...	...
Richardson and Wrench	60,000	1	1	8	7/	6/6	7/6
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15/	...	2/9	2/9	3/3
Silv. Tram	107,806	1	1	40	96/	95/6	97/
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	7	14½	14¼	15
Syd. Hydr.	75,000	1	10/	10	21/6	23/3	...
Lasso & Brtn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Haymark't Dep.	...	...	13/	...	...	...	...
Indust. Prov.	80,000	20	20	6	...	...	...
Intercolonial	53,090	20	15	10	12/6	11/6	13/
Syd. Free L. B., and Inv. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	8/
Excelsior Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/1	7/6	...
Federal B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	12/6	...
Fed. & Sub. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
N'castle B. & I.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Slight movements in quotations of Australian debenture stocks on the London market are upwards.

The gold shipments of the year from Australasia, which to February 5 included £527,007 from Sydney, are likely to be accelerated by the outgoing San Francisco mail, which, by arrangement in Victoria, will take further amounts. As we shall not require supplies of wheat from San Francisco, or any unusual quantities of merchandise, it will be more clearly seen that these shipments are not made except in a small degree to pay the States for anything received by Australia, but simply by way of exchange at the order of English buyers to pay America for wheat, cotton, and other descriptions of raw produce shipped to Europe. As was the case last year, the banks making the shipments may be expected to send some portion of the gold from Victoria.

On January 1 the New York "Engineering and Mining Journal" gave a rather early preliminary estimate of the gold yield of the world. The total is 11,677,925oz., an increase of 1,389,515oz. for the year. The United States, with 2,685,000oz., the Transvaal with 2,683,548oz., and Australasia with 2,462,863oz., are the leading producers, Russia being a good fourth with 1,572,218oz., the next most important producer being British India for 346,363oz.

The annual report of the Sydney and Suburban Hydraulic Power Company shows a total credit balance of £11,802, inclusive of £1785 brought forward. Of this £3750 had been paid as an interim dividend, and it is proposed to distribute the balance as follows:—To plant renewals, £750, making a total of £2550; to write off Hay-street works and plant, £1250; to dividend for the past half-year at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, £3750; and to carry forward £2302.

From the prospectus of the recent New South Wales loan we learn that the accrued interest given to the investor was 7s 1d, reducing the gross average from £100 8s 4d to £100 1s 3d, which yields the investor about £3 0s 6d per cent. per annum, including interest on half-yearly payments. The cost of negotiating the last three loans is about £1 8s per cent., and this being deducted from the proceeds, leaves the net proceeds £98 13s 3d, on which the interest charge will be £3 1s 9d per cent. The following table shows the loans raised by the colony since the introduction of responsible government:—

Date of Loan.	Yrs.' Currency.	Amount of Loan.	Gross Amount raised.	Average rate p.c. less charges.	Nom. Inter. p.c.	Real Interest per cent.
1858	30	£150,000	£125,998	90·50	5	£5 14 8
1859	30	818,100	814,778	99·59	5	5 2 6
1860	30	507,900	508,054	99·21	5	5 2 8
1861	30	200,900	276,997	99·95	5	5 2 10
1862	30	445,500	465,701	97·22	5	5 5 2
1863	30	610,000	611,347	99·78	5	5 1 6
1864	30	288,300	267,600	92·91	5	5 2 6
1865	30	222,800	205,074	91·49	5	5 12 10
1866	30	1,001,000	800,218	88·49	5	5 17 9
1867	30	312,800	257,448	81·32	5	6 3 7
1868	30	1,530,000	1,450,204	85·32	5	5 17 9
1869	—	1,000,000	981,655	90·85	5	5 5 6
1870/1871	30	985,100	973,698	97·91	5	5 4 2
1872	30	406,800	422,000	103·91	5	4 16 5
1873	Inter.	227,284	217,270	96·74	4	4 2 10
1874	Inter.	282,055	269,898	95·00	4	4 6 9
1875	30	1,000,000	990,561	89·42	4	4 13 10
1876	30	901,500	837,180	92·72	4	4 10 2
1879	30	3,249,500	3,109,443	97·81	4	4 3 5
1881	30	2,000,000	2,129,936	102·23	4	3 18 2
1882	30	2,000,000	2,042,916	102·29	4	4 0 3
1883	50	3,000,000	3,001,017	97·56	4	4 3 1
1883	50	3,000,000	3,018,700	98·08	4	4 2 2
1884	40	5,500,000	5,152,963	91·17	3½	3 19 7
1885	40	5,500,000	5,042,041	90·02	3½	4 1 11
1886	40	5,500,000	5,247,092	91·67	3½	3 19 0
1888	39	3,500,000	3,526,341	100·48	3½	3 9 11
1889	29	3,500,000	3,584,165	99·98	3½	3 10 10
1891	27	4,500,000	4,276,742	92·92	3½	3 19 4
1893	40	2,500,000	2,514,386	92·50	4	4 3 4
1894	24	852,000	846,400	99·74	3½	3 11 0
1895	40	4,000,000	3,876,855	95·00	3	3 5 0
1896	37	1,500,000	1,506,250	98·46	3	3 1 9

The loan is the cheapest yet raised in the London market. But the 3 per cent. Funded Stock issued in Sydney at par, is more economical to the country, since the costs of flotation are practically confined to the office expenses. Moreover, the cost of remitting interest will be saved; though, of course, during the currency of the borrowing period, the placing of loans in England is advantageous to the extent that it renders unnecessary the remission of money to pay interest on the British portion of the debt and to pay for supplies. Whether our loans are raised in London or the colony, money must be furnished for these purposes. And if it has to be sent from Sydney the cost of remission goes against the colonial issue and in favour of the London loan. But when public borrowing ceases, the advantage will be entirely in favour of the colonial issues. For besides the saving of exchange the interest will remain in the country.

The following shows the total imports into the United Kingdom, and the exports of British produce, for each month of the year:—

Month.	Total Imports.	Increase or Decrease.	Exports of British Produce.	Increase or Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
Jan.	39,975,608	Inc. 1,501,812	19,762,378	Dec. 1,384,113
Feb.	37,245,164	Inc. 1,768,428	17,864,082	Dec. 1,859,413
Mar.	40,665,118	Inc. 2,268,764	21,647,289	Inc. 1,197,646
April	35,136,556	Dec. 672,245	19,700,122	Inc. 1,249,899
May	36,336,348	Inc. 2,986,360	19,322,146	Inc. 486,903
June	36,021,809	Inc. 1,092,554	19,069,207	Dec. 1,470,064
July	36,128,527	Inc. 1,745,365	21,591,452	Inc. 142,313
Aug.	33,271,986	Inc. 899,912	18,773,997	Dec. 1,552,799
Sept.	35,105,693	Inc. 2,180,547	18,305,275	Dec. 1,518,850
Oct.	38,943,763	Dec. 631,127	19,269,052	Dec. 1,400,405
Nov.	41,161,871	Dec. 1,330,498	19,773,594	Dec. 1,292,717
Dec.	41,322,284	Dec. 2,286,567	19,302,181	Dec. 1,015,379
Total	451,298,683	Inc. 9,429,779	234,350,003	Dec. 5,795,548

In the December return the totals are given for the year, and as they disagree slightly with the monthly figures, the latter have doubtless been modified. The imports show an increase of 2·1 per cent. for the year, and the exports of British produce a decrease of 2·5 per cent. on the total trade. Though the exports of British produce fell off by £5,795,548, the exports of foreign and colonial merchandise from the United Kingdom, aggregating £59,833,677, were £3,600,014 in excess of the total of 1896. The total trade of the United Kingdom, amounting to £748,188,118, showed an increase of £2,765,755 on the figures of 1896.

The opening month's trade of the year in the United Kingdom shows smaller figures. The imports, amounting to £40,116,491, are, however, £140,823 in excess of the total for January, 1897. The exports of British and Irish produce and merchandise, aggregating £19,207,516, are less by £554,832 than in the first month of 1897, and £1,938,945 short of the exports for January, 1896. The British export trade had therefore not recovered from the effects of the engineering strike or of the American tariff derangements. A year ago large quantities of wool and other produce were shipped to the United States in anticipation of the imposition of the duties, and for a time, at any rate, shipments will be on a smaller scale.

The value of the imports into Sydney for the week ended February 5 amounted to £198,525, as compared with £265,179 in the corresponding week of 1897. The value of the week's exports amounted to £155,759, against £269,061 in the like period of 1897. Since the beginning of the year the trade has been as follows:—

	1897.	1898.	Increase or Decrease.
IMPORTS.			
Merchandise	£1,644,960	£1,360,976	Dec. £283,984
Gold	140,794	200,817	Inc. 60,023
Total	£1,785,154	£1,561,793	Dec. £223,361
EXPORTS.			
Merchandise	£1,903,791	£1,414,354	Dec. £489,437
Gold	208,215	527,007	Inc. 318,792
Total	£2,112,006	£1,941,361	Dec. £170,645

The figures show a decrease in imports of 17 per cent. and of exports of 25 per cent.

The old lockup site at the junction of George and Pitt streets, near the railway station, was offered for auction sale to-day by Messrs. Hardie and Gorman, but was withdrawn after competition, rising from £10,000 to £15,500.

The action of the British Government in insisting on open trade facilities as against Russian, German, or French claims to differential privileges in particular parts of the Chinese Empire, was one which had been strongly urged by the British press. For instance, the "Economist," after a full exposure of the predominant commercial interests of Great Britain in China, in its issue of December 25 remarked:—"Our Government has proved itself a little too yielding in surrendering treaty privileges in Tunis and elsewhere, but it is to be hoped it will show a much bolder front if anything of a similar kind is attempted in China." Albeit this was written for Christmas day, when man towards his fellow and nation towards nation are supposed to be in their most peaceful moods, it contains the self-assertive element sufficiently to show that the peace-loving Englishman is not prepared on any occasion to sacrifice his material interests by improper concessions. To speak in the tones of war, as well as to be prepared for it, often really promotes peace, and even this Christmas day warning, with others from the British press, has doubtless supported the British Government in its demand for freedom of trade which has resulted so far in a peaceful direction by causing the withdrawal of the claims of Germany and Russia for special territorial and trading advantages. The other day we gave from the "Statesman's Year Book" the main features of the China trade. The Imperial Maritime Customs credits Great Britain and her dependencies with 81 per cent. of foreign trade with China. The "Economist" thinks that rather too much, because it classes the whole of the imports from Hongkong as British. It shows, however, that the exports from France, Germany, and Russia to China in 1895, totalling £2,342,000, fell short of £8,700,000, the amount of British exports thereto, they having but little more than a fifth of the British trade. The growth of the China trade is one that naturally tempts the Governments of industrial nations to the furtherance of their respective policies in regard to it. The imports into China in 1885 were valued at £40,500,000 sterling, and in 1896 to £55,600,000—representing an apparent increase of 37 per cent., or, if the difference in prices were considered, probably about 60 per cent. That freedom shall govern the conduct of this large and rapidly growing trade is a policy which England is determined to enforce at all costs.

Elsewhere is published a return of horses, cattle, and sheep within the colony on December 31 last. The following are the figures and those for the previous six years:—

	Horses.	Horned Cattle.	Sheep.
1891	469,647	2,128,838	61,831,416
1892	484,309	2,221,459	58,080,114
1893	493,231	2,269,852	56,980,688
1894	518,181	2,465,411	56,977,270
1895	487,943	2,150,057	47,617,687
1896	510,636	2,226,163	48,318,790
1897	462,893	1,953,043	43,665,860

The feature of this return is the shrinkage of over 18,000,000 of sheep within six years.

IMPORT MARKET.

A steady distributing business was carried on to-day at unaltered rates. In a wholesale way not much transpired. Wheat remained quiet without change, but there was still less disposition on the part of country millers to "cut" the price of flour. Sugar was firm at full prices. In tea somewhat more activity prevailed, and better business was carried through privately. Groceries, dried fruits, liquors, and kindred lines sold in small parcels at recent rates. Neither in metals nor in jute goods did much buoyancy prevail. Kerosene continued very depressed, it being difficult to quote in the present unsettled state of the market. Pending the arrival of further supplies from Calcutta castor was well held. Other oils remain quiet and unaltered.

Indian exchange has been causing a good deal of inconvenience of late to importers of Eastern goods. In their circular, dated January 15, Messrs. Bathgate, Pim, and Co., writing on this subject, state:—

> The four weeks that have elapsed since our last circular have been eventful ones in exchange, and movements have been both rapid and severe. Sterling rates quickly advanced, until 1s 4½d for six months' sight credits was registered, which is gold point, or the upper limit for the rupee, unless discounts in London rise very materially. The market closes steady at the above rate, with a farthing more for 60 days' sight drafts on Australia, and the Cape Government is persevering in its policy of contracting the currency, and money is getting very tight, the bank rate having been forced up to 11 per cent. here and 12 per cent. in Bombay. Money is so scarce that banks are unable to make advances even on Government paper.

Breadstuffs.—Deliveries of wheat are smaller than they have been of late, supplies in the north now being in decidedly small compass. For pinched samples there were no anxious buyers, but really prime grain sold freely enough where obtainable at 4s to 4s 2d. For flour £10 5s to £10 10s was asked.

Regarding the shipment of wheat arranged for by the A. M. L. and F. Company, Limited, already mentioned in these columns, it now transpires that the grain is last year's. The shipment will be made on account of Messrs. M'Farland Brothers, of Barooga. The Mary Augusta will take the smaller quantity, the balance to sail in the Annie Thomas later on.

It seems that this shipment will not be absolutely the first New South Wales wheat that has gone forward to Europe. The Thornley sailed from Melbourne a few days back with 2250 bags of Riverina grain bound for Dunkirk. However, the Mary Augusta will take the first New South Wales grain shipped from Port Jackson. Commenting on the proposed Victorian shipment, the "Argus" says:—"To influence the market, however, a great deal more will have to be done in this direction than is now proposed. Even if the 5000 or 6000 bags spoken of are exported there will still be a considerable surplus left, and for the contemplated action to have any effect possibly 10 times that quantity will have to be shipped."

Although such remarks might have been applicable to this colony also a few months back, recent events have quite altered the position. Then the Millers' Association was, or at any rate was believed to be, a powerful body. Now there is practically no combination of millers. Each seller acts entirely on his own initiative, with, as a result, competition of a disastrously severe character.

Private advices from Adelaide predict that South Australia has not nearly enough for her own requirements this season, and will have to import before the year is out. The millers are said to find it very difficult to get wheat. If this proves correct then competition will be less severe in Queensland and Western Australia than was anticipated.

Sugar.—The market remains very firm, with unaltered prices.

Mr. C. Czarnikow's "Weekly Price Current," dated London, December 30, says:—

> The opinion now gains ground that Continental Governments seriously contemplate taking steps to abolish the bounties by next autumn; this has caused more confidence here and abroad. Besides, the present position of the article, with the prospects of moderate supplies during the next few months, has stimulated the demand in America, and as the rise in beet, with the extra duty in the United States on bounty-fed sugar, rendered cane descriptions comparatively cheap, the latter have attracted more attention at hardening rates. There is, however, little doubt that, as stocks in the United States gradually decrease, and the probability of buyers there being compelled to draw supplies from Europe becomes more apparent, the price of cane sugar may be further affected.

Tea.—Sales included: 50 half-chests of Ceylon broken pekoe, 8½d; 50 Ceylon ditto, 8½d to 9d; and 70 quarter chests of medium Panyong; bads on private terms. Common Chinas met with a good inquiry.

Groceries.—Three tons of canary seed changed hands for export at £10 10s; 150 cases of Skeena River flat salmon and 50 cases of Fraser River talls were placed at quotations.

Liquors.—Great firmness characterised the market for Hennessy's brandy and Lowndes's rum, yesterday's advanced prices being well maintained.

Hardware.—None of the leading lines experienced any alteration of note, business being of a rather restricted character. 200 casks of Key cement changed hands at 10s 6d.

Jute Goods.—Ten bales of branbags were placed on account of a country buyer at 3s 3d. Regarding the Calcutta market Messrs. Bathgate, Pim, and Co. state:—

> Since the market reopened prices have gradually declined, owing to higher exchange and large cancelments on Bombay account. Australian buyers have booked fair lines of woolpacks for the season, amounting to about 10,000 bales, on the basis of 13.3r. to 13.6r. for 11½lb. standards. Shippers to Bombay have throughout the interval been effecting cancelments in all descriptions of goods, a procedure which has considerably weakened prices for country descriptions. Hessians have, in sympathy with ready goods, declined, but business has been restricted by the rise in exchange. About 50 lacs of cloth have been taken for the United States, chiefly for forward delivery, and about 25 lacs of San Francisco wheats for December and early January shipment. Branbags have also been fairly dealt in for all deliveries up to October, the total sales reported being about 2000 bales.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £4850. The principal items were:—

> Spirits, £1933; wine, £126; ale, porter, and beer, £27; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £819; sugar and molasses, £1; opium, £131; confectionery, £22; jams and jellies, £67; harbour and light rates, £36; pilotage, £3; excise on beer, £175; licenses for selling tobbacco and cigars, £2. Total, £4850.

EXPORT MARKET.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 332 bales of wool were manifested, 195 bales arrived coastwise, and 67 bales were received by rail at Newcastle yesterday.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

DEBENTURE STOCKS, &c.

Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company 4 per cent. debenture stock, unchanged at 112.

Union Mortgage and Agency Company 4½ per cent. debenture stock, ½ higher at 92½.

British and Australasian Trust and Loan Company 4½ per cent. debentures, 1 higher at 103.

Freehold Trust of Australia 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 102.

Metropolitan Gas Company of Melbourne 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged at £110.

Australian Gaslight Company of Sydney 5 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 106.

Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage Company 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at £90.

City of Sydney 4 per cent. debentures, 1912-13, unchanged at £107.

Dalgety and Co., Limited, shares, ½ higher at 5½; ditto, 4 per cent. debentures, £114.

Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Company 4½ per cent. debentures, 106½.

WHEAT AND FLOUR STATISTICS.

—	Feb. 9, 1897.	Feb. 1, 1898.	Feb. 8, 1898.
Afloat—			
For United Kingdom, qrs.	2,780,000	2,030,000	2,075,000
For Continent ... qrs.	810,000	1,130,000	1,110,000

SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted at 2s 2 1-16d per oz. standard.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The wheat market is still quiet. Quotations are: Wheat, 4s 5d Port Adelaide, 4s 4d outports; flour, £10 15s to £11 per ton; bran, 1s; pollard, 1s; oats, white 2s 6d to 3s, Dun and Algerian 2s to 2s 3d; chaff, £2 13s to £3 per short ton for parcels, £3 5s retail.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Full late quotations continue the rule for leading investment stocks, especially for Government and Board of Works debentures, Broken Hill Water Supply, and Sydney Hydraulic, buying orders for all of which are difficult to execute. Silverton Tramway continue to be offered at 94s 6d. Melbourne Tramway continue in good request. Sales were:—Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent., £105 10s; ditto 3½ per cent. (1927), £102; National Bank deposit receipts, 20s; Commercial Bank preference, £7 2s; National ditto, £10 18s; Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus, 12s; Emu Bay Railway, 7s 6d, 8s 3d; Denton Hat, contributing, 18s. An offer of £8 15s was made for Newcastle coal shares without bringing out a seller.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Wheat is steady at from 4s 3d to 4s 3½d; flour, £11 15s to £12; bran, 10½d; pollard, 10½d to 11d; malting barley, 4s 7½d to 5s 4d; Algerian oats, milling, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; medium feed 1s 6d to 1s 6½d, seed 1s 10d; maize, 2s 10½d. Chaff inactive, £3 to £3 5s; extra green, £3 7s 6d. Warrnambool potatoes, £6; Colac, £6 10s to £6 15s; local onions, £4 5s to £4 10s; country onions, £5 5s to £5 10s. There is a good inquiry for tea, but importers ask firm prices. Whiting sold at £4; salt salmon at 4½d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

BALLINA, Wednesday.

The Electra sailed for Sydney at 11 a.m. to-day, with a cargo of 154 bags maize, 445 bags sugar, 30 bags oysters, 35 cases eggs, 33 cases honey, 2 cases fish, 6 coops poultry, 47 hides, 539 boxes butter, 61 pigs, and 8033ft. boxwood. The Oakland also sailed with 69,949ft. boxwood, 116 bags maize, 9 coops poultry, 66 hides, 12 cases eggs, 8 cases honey, 4 cases chilies, 13 pigs, 12 cases bacon, 61 tins lard, 4 casks tallow, and 2 bales millet.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The Kallatina left here at 1 p.m. with a cargo of 1187 bags maize, 65 bags bones, 8 bags grass seed, 2 bales skins, 1 calf, 91 cases eggs, 7 cases fruit, 24 cases fish, 2 casks tallow, 17 coops poultry, 52 hides, 604 boxes butter, 5 crates bacon, 193 pieces cedar, 194 bundles boxwood, 43 pigs, 7 cans cream, a quantity of furniture, and sundries.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Wednesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

A good deal of business was done in general produce to-day. Movements in prices were few, and of little moment. Prime maize had attention at 3s, other qualities being in request up to 2s 11d. Oats sold steadily, as did other feed-grain lines. Bran and pollard were in demand at late firm prices. The inquiry for imported chaff continued moderate up to £4 per ton. Lucerne sold well at auction. The demand on the wharfs, however, was rather quiet. Straw commanded a fair amount of attention at late rates. Local potatoes were in brisk demand at auction at slightly improved prices. Tasmanian Circulars moved freely at quotations. Onions found buyers up to £6 5s per ton. In dairy produce business was somewhat slack at late rates. The market for butter was firm, with intercolonial buyers still operating.

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Maize.—Better demand. Primest, 3s; other qualities up to 2s 11d; new maize, 2s 9d to 2s 10d per bushel.

Oats.—New Zealand best feed, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; Tartarian seed, 2s 8d; local, 2s 4d per bushel.

Barley.—Cape barley, 3s 9d; English prime, 3s 3d per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, 5s to 5s 3d; grey, 3s 6d to 3s 9d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime 3s 3d to 3s 4d, second-class, 2s 9d per bushel.

BREADSTUFFS.

Leading roller brands, old £11, new £10 5s to £10 10s; new wheat, association price, 4s; prime samples realised to 4s 2d.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran and pollard were in steady demand at firm prices. Bran was quoted at 7d to 7½d, and pollard 8½d to 9d per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime new, £3 17s 6d to £4 2s 6d; medium, to £4 10s per ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed £2 10s to £3; imported, £3; local bundled, up to £2 15s per ton.

Lucerne.—Plentiful. Fair quality, to £2; prime green, £2 2s 6d to £2 5s; railway prime, small bales, £2 15s to £3 5s per ton.

Chaff.—Imported, to £3 15s; primest, £4. Local: Prime, £4; prime green, £4 5s to £4 7s 6d; medium samples, £3 7s 6d to £3 10s per ton.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian Circulars: £8. Local: Prime, £7 to £7 10s; medium, £6 to £6 10s per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Honey.—Plentiful. Garden honey, choice 2½d, second-class quality, 2d per lb.

Beeswax.—Choice, 1s per lb.

Onions.—Melbourne: Globes, £5; Port Arlington, £6 to £6 5s per ton.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4½d to 5d; bulk 3½d to 4d per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Finest creamery, 7½d; factory, 6½d to 7d. South Coast quote choice creamery 7½d, Berry Creamery 7½d, Foley Brothers' Creamery 7½d per lb.

Bacon and Hams.—Moderate demand. Mild-cured, 7½d; hand-cured, prime, 7d to 7½d; second-class 6½d to 7d; farmers', 6d to 6½d; middles, 8½d; Bodalla sides, 7½d; flitches, 7d; middles, 8½d; Barnes's "B in circle," 7½d; M'Lean's bacon, 7½d; local hams, in cloth, 8d to 8½d; very choice, 9d; New Zealand, Queensland, and mild-cured, choice, 9d; English, 10d per lb.

Eggs.—Steady demand. North, 11d to 12d; South, 12d to 13d per dozen.

Cheese.—Prime loaf, 5d to 5½d; Cheddar, 5d to 5½d; large, 4½d to 5d; Bodalla cheese, 5½d; New Zealand, large 4½d, medium 5d; loaf, 5½d per lb.

Poultry.—Slow demand. Fowls, 1s 9d to 2s 9d; prime young roosters, 3s 6d to 4s; ducks, 2s to 2s 9d; prime, 3s to 3s 6d; Muscovy ducks, 3s to 4s, young 4s 6d; geese, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; turkeys, cocks 10s to 14s, hens 5s to 6s 6d per pair.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Good supply. Brisk demand. Firewood, good 10s to 11s 6d; rough 8s to 9s; bundles, good, 10s to 11s; inferior, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; billet, good 8s to 9s 6d; inferior, 5s 6d to 7s; bakers' split, good, 8s to 9s 6d; large green, 7s to 8s per ton.

REDFERN SALE.

A good supply of produce was submitted at auction this morning. Owing to the want of space on the sale lines a number of trucks were left unoffered. All lines were in good demand at firm prices. Prime chaff sold well at 4s to 4s 2d, and medium samples at 3s 3d to 3s 8d per cwt. Special brands of derrick-pressed straw realised 3s 1d per cwt. Ordinary prime oaten hay made 3s 11d, and good medium 3s 6d. Wheaten sheaves found a buyer at 2s 4d per cwt. Extra prime lucerne in trusses brought 2s 9d to 3s 4d, and good quality 2s 3d to 2s 5d per cwt. Potatoes were in good demand at improved prices. Prime sold at 7s to 7s 8d and medium at 6s to 6s 9d per cwt. Watermelons were in request at 1s 5d to 3s per dozen, according to size and quality. Pumpkins had a moderate amount of attention at 2s 1d to 2s 5d per dozen.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 14 trucks; potatoes, 14; maize, 1; lucerne, 6; hay, 5; bran, 2; straw, 2; watermelons, 15; pumpkins, 4.

Among the consignees were South Coast Company, Messrs. Ellis and Co., John Bridge and Co., H. Prescott and Co., R. Hall and Son, Dent and Perry, A. M'Arthur and Co., G. Wells, Robinson, Grimes, and Co., Inglis and Son, S. B. Bond, John Campbell, H. M. Suttor and Co., John W. Gray and Co., Heaton Brothers, Benjamin and Son, and Robert Little and Co.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From Pound, Wellington, (truck No. 5991) 3s 8d; Bourke, Brewongle, (5258) 3s 3d; Tanswell, Narromine, (4840) 3s 6d; Fulton, Penrith, (9983) 4s 2d; W. H. and Co., Cowra, (9722) 3s 6d, (4921) 3s 8d; Larum, Mary Vale, (1841) 3s 9d; Smith, (2838) 4s, (8551) 4s 1d; Towri Estate, (5165) 4s; Christian, Raglan, (4135) 3s 3d; Crouch, Branxton, (38) 2s 3d per cwt.; Woods, Webb's Siding, (1765 and 120) passed.

Wheaten Sheaves.—From Cornwell, Richmond, (67) 2s 4d per cwt.

Lucerne.—From Davis, Mulgrave, (2724) passed; Hulbert, Windsor, (2325) 2s 9d; W. Brown, Mudgee, (1593) 3s 4d; Salters, East Maitland, (8129) 2s 3d; Fountain, West Maitland, (500) 2s 5d; Mead, (422) 2s 10d per cwt.

Maize.—From Sanderson and Taylor, Gundagai, (4668) passed.

Straw.—Bundled: From Drew, Mudgee, (7265 and 4125) 3s 1d per cwt.

Hay.—From Thompson, Penrith, (2387) 3s 11d, (1414) 3s 6d; Wright, (2221), 3s 6d; Tyer, (2317) passed; Adams, Kingswood, (994) 3s 11d per cwt.

Potatoes.—From Richmond, (4763) 9 WD 6s 1d, 12 WA passed; Mulgrave, (7456) 23 TC 6s 6d, 4 C 2s 3d, 27 RR 7s 2d, 20 TR 7s 8d, (2061) 18 WH 6s 4d, 22 NH 7s, 16 V 5s 8d, (5503) 12 W 6s 3d, 15 FH 6s 2d, 11 DGS 5s 11d, 19 HR 6s 7d, 15 AA 7s 4d, (3936) 18 TWS 4s 3d, 6 RO 4s 7d, 7 LES 7s 4d, 18 RR 7s 9d, 15 TR 7s, 6 JR 2s 11d, 4 IX 3s 5d; Windsor, (8775) 10 JA 7s 6d, (1102) 8 GM 6s 7d, 20 ET 6s 11d, (4449) 16 A 6s 4d, 15 B 6s 5d, 7 WB 7s 8d, (3028) 24 JB 7s 2d, 19 T passed; Bowral, (8490) 12 WP 7s 2d, 23 H 7s 4d; Richmond, (4218) 11 MW 7s 3d; Windsor, (1477) 12 JG 5s 7d, (9111) 14 M 5s 5d, (5927) 12 PD 5s 8d; Mulgrave, (630) 20 TR 7s 2d, 15 IC 6s 1d, 7 C 2s, (8226) 7 BB 5s 4d, 25 RB 7s 6d, 20 TR 7s 2d, 12 T 6s 6d, (4791) 12 AA 6s 2d, 12 JD 6s 3d, 12 CC 6s 7d, 5 AFB 7s 8d, 19 FH 6s 3d, (8357) 22 Z 7s 7d, 12 JD 6s 2d, 19 JY 6s 11d, 16 WC 7s, (5774) 28 JM 7s, 26 RR 7s 8d, 10 TR 7s 1d, 6 JR 2s 5d per cwt.

Watermelons.—From Hawkins, Windsor, (3628) 2s 8d; Logan, West Maitland, (x108) 2s 6d; W. Shields, Richmond, (4218) 1s 7d; C. Wright, Penrith, (2982) 2s 8d and 2s 9d; Curry, (x7) 3s; Freeman, Richmond, (6116) 1s 8d; J. Harris, 1s 5d; Salter, Windsor, (1477) 2s 2d; C. Wright, Penrith, (9714) 2s 4d and 2s 8d; C. Harris, (4238) 2s 5d; Tuckfield, (223) 2s 6d; Tuckwell, 1s 9d; Hollier, (6560) 2s 8d; E. Cabban, (2441) 3s 4d; S. H. Cabban, (1781) 3s; Farlow, Windsor, (9111) 2s 10d; Greentree, (4490) 2s 7d; Farlow, (3927) 2s per dozen.

Pumpkins.—From Freeman, Richmond, (5116) 2s 3d; J. Shields, (7735) 2s 8d; Nowland, 2s 2d; Long, (6586) 2s 1d; Haddley, (245) 2s 6d; Child, 2s 9d; Timmins, Richmond, (8633) 2s 4d; F. Haugh, 3s 5d per dozen.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Plentiful supplies of all varieties of seasonable fruits were under offer at the Bathurst-street markets this morning. The demand continued steady at prices much the same as those ruling on the previous day.

Current quotations were:—

Lemons.—Local, green prime, 6s to 7s; coloured, 8s to 8s 6d per gincase; Italian, 15s per half, 30s a double case.

Oranges.—Italian, 8s 6d per single and 17s per double case; Island, dull, 1s 6d to 2s per case.

Pines.—Common, 3s to 3s 6d per case.

Grapes.—Plentiful. White, 1s 6d to 2s; Black Hamburgs, 1s to 2s; choice, 2s 6d per case; muscats, 1½d to 2½d; choice, 3d per lb.

Plums.—Japanese, 4s to 5s 6d; Lutherborough, 5s a gincase; Hobart plums, 3s to 3s 6d per quarter-case.

Watermelons.—2s 3d to 2s 6d per dozen.

Passionfruit.—Local, 1s 6d to 2s 6d a gincase, choice 3s half-case.

Nectarines.—A few, 3s to 5s per half-case.

Pears.—China, 2s to 2s 6d; Williams, 7s to 9s; white Bermagot, 6s to 8s; brown Bermagot, 5s to 6s a gincase; cooking pears, 3s to 4s per gincase; Melbourne, 5s to 7s per case.

Bananas.—Plentiful and dull, 6d to 2s 6d per bunch, 6s to 7s per case.

Apples.—Dessert, small, 2s 6d to 3s 6d, good 4s to 5s, prime 7s to 8s; cooking, 3s to 6s a gincase; Hobart Alfristons, 5s 6d per case.

Rockmelons.—1s 6d to 5s a gincase.

Tomatoes.—Plentiful. Ripe, 1s 6d to 2s half-case; green, 1s to 2s per gincase.

Peaches.—Plentiful. Red, small, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; good, 5s; choice to 7s a gincase; slipstones, choice 4s to 5s; clingstones, choice 3s to 4s 6d; Palmerstons, 2s to 5s per half-case.

Quinces.—2s 6d to 3s 6d a gincase.

MELBOURNE WOOL SALES.

Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. report from Melbourne:—We offered to-day 3033 bales. Biddings extremely keen, and all merino greasies advanced 5 per cent. except superior qualities, which are unchanged. Crossbreds and all scoureds very firm at late rates. 3169 bales were sold at auction. Bomera, 34 at 9d; Talla, 69 at 8½d, 30 at 8d, 61 at 7½d; Mittagong, 57 at 8½d, 56 at 8½d; Carabost, to 7½d, scoured 13½d; Wandary, to 7½d; Bygoloree, to 7½d; Wintong, 7d; Youngerina, to 7½d, broken 6½d; Pirillie, 7½d; Beaconsfield, scoured clothing 16d, combing 15½d, pieces 14½d, bellies 13d, locks 10½d; CP Camools, 14½d; Clare Valley, 13½d; Weribone, clothing 13½d.

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company report from Melbourne:—We held an auction sale of wool to-day. Competition was very strong, and former prices were fully maintained, and were a shade harder for all merinos. Scoureds were very firm, except for low crossbreds. Greasy sold to 9d for Aden, and TT scoured to 15½d; for Stawell wool scouring, 12d; Fernbank scoured sold 14½d; Bridgewater to 14½d; TG, Sandy Creek, to 13½d; WMP to 12½d; Jingellic, greasy to 7½d; Oaklea, 8¼d; M. Admella, 7d; Nangela, 8½d; JHE, 7d.

MELBOURNE FAT STOCK MARKET.

In the live stock market to-day only 2200 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 300 from New South Wales, 200 from the north-eastern and Upper Murray districts, 600 from Gippsland, and the remainder from the northern and north-western districts, consisting chiefly of medium and lightweights, ranging from fair to good qualities, with a full proportion of cows. Owing mainly to the extremely favourable change to cooler weather the supply proved within requirements, consequently competition was keen throughout, and except for inferior lightweight steers and nondescript cows prices ruled fully 30s per head in advance of last week's rates. Quotations were:—Prime pens of bullocks, £9 10s to £11 5s 6d; good pens of bullocks, £7 10s to £9; second and lighter ditto, £6 to £7 15s; prime and heavy pens cows, £8 15s to £9 10s; prime pens cows, £6 10s to £7 10s; second ditto, £5 to £6; inferior, from £3. 290 fat calves were penned, the demand being brisk at decidedly improved rates. Quotations were:—Prime steers and heifers, 55s to 70s; prime calves, 40s to 50s; prime small calves, 30s to 40s; second and inferior, 15s to 20s. The market was again lightly supplied with fat sheep, 13,000 have been yarded, consisting chiefly of middling descriptions, including a large percentage of ewes, many lots of which were forced into the market by the bush fires. Best crossbred wethers, 11s to 12s 6d; second ditto ditto, 9s to 10s; best crossbred ewes, 7s to 9s 6d; best merino wethers, 9s 6d to 11s; second ditto ditto, 7s 9d to 9s 6d; best merino ewes, 7s 6d to 9s; others, from 5s; extra quality Southdown ewes and wethers, 12s 6d and 12s 6d. Also fat lambs were penned. Prices operated freely for best descriptions, while others sorts were in fair request. Prime sold from 9s to 10s 6d; second and good, 6s 6d to 8s; inferior, from 4s 6d; extra quality Southdowns, 10s 9d to 11s 9d.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Queen Victoria Market this morning fruit realised the following prices:—Apples, cooking 1s to 4s per case, table 3s to 6s; damsons, 2s 6d to 3s per case; filberts, 6d to 8d per lb.; figs, 3s to 4s per half-case; grapes, 2s to 6s per case; imported oranges, 18s to 20s per double-case; imported lemons, 40s to 50s per double-case; melons, water 1s to 1s 6d each, rock 6s to 8s per dozen; nectarines, 2s to 3s per half-case; peaches, 3s to 6s per case; pears, culinary 2s to 4s per case, dessert 3s to 6s; plums, 2s 6d to 4s per case.

ADELAIDE FAT STOCK MARKET.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co. report:—In cattle, 620 were forward, 300 from Queensland, 100 from the north, 50 from the south-east, and the balance from local quarters. Prime sorts were scarce, values being firmly maintained. Other classes were weaker. We sold 140 cattle. Sheep: 9600 penned, including ample representations of all qualities. The pleasant change in the weather has caused a brisker demand, albeit values showed no improvement. Crossbreds sold more readily. Graziers purchased 800, 1100 being unsold. Prime merino wethers, 9s to 10s; extra good, 7s to 8s; ewes, 6s to 7s. We sold 1900.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

H. DUFF and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Land and Houses.

J. E. GREEN and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Mulgoa Irrigation Works, Mulgoa Land, Pastoral and Mineral Leases, &c.

STRONGMAN and WATSON.—On the Premises, Tavistock-street, Enfield, at 11, Residence and Land.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—At the City Mart, at 11, Sugar, Hops, Dates, Marmalade, &c.

H. HARRIS and CO.—At their Mart, at 11, Drapery, Clothing, &c.

STRONGMAN and WATSON.—On the Premises, Chatsworth, Tavistock-street, Enfield, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Organ, &c.

DALWOOD and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, Electroplatedware, China, Dinner and Tea Services, Pianoforte, Toiletware, &c.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, E.P. Salvers, Egg Stands, Cruets, &c.; at 12, Jewellery, Watches, &c.

A. G. JENKINS.—On the Premises, Simmons-street, Enmore, at 10, Furniture, Piano, &c.; at Little Edward-street, Pyrmont, at 12.30, Furniture, &c.

J. BROWN and CO.—At 87 Broadway, Glebe, at 10.30, Furniture, &c.; at 41 Broadway, Glebe, at 2.30, Furniture, Piano, Linoleum, Carpets, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2.30, Furniture, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.—At the various Stores, at 9.30, Hair, Horns, Bones.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At their Circular Quay Stores, Hair, Horns, Bones.

HORSES, HARNESS, AND VEHICLES.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

STRONGMAN and WATSON.—On the Premises, Chatsworth, Tavistock-street, Enfield, at 11, Cart, Van, &c.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2.30, Calves, Pigs, &c.; at 3.30, Cattle.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Yards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2.30, Pigs, Vealers, &c.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The Mining market yesterday was a trifle less active than on the previous day, the feature being the numbers of sales effected in Queensland gold stocks, which had by far the greater share of attention. Girilambone copper sold at somewhat firmer rates. Amongst local gold companies Mount David shares fetched better prices, and Falkner's realised 6s 9d, but closed with weaker buyers, sellers, however, not announcing themselves. There was no material change in others except that Star Lead No. 1 improved. Victorian lines were neglected. Queensland gold ventures had a good deal of life, selling generally at firming rates; East Minerva, an Eidsvold mine, which was dealt in for the first time on this market, selling at advancing figures. There were outside sales of Phœnix Extended at 6½d. Western Australian ventures were but little dealt in, but at the end of the day the quotations of several stocks showed improvement. Coal-mining shares were without business.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Hetton	—	37/6
Stockton	4/	4/2
Vale of Clwydd	—	7/9
Wallsend	19 12 6	20 0 0
Waratah	12/6	15/
Wickham and Bullock Island	10/	12/6
Ditto, new	4/6	5/6
Ditto, pref., £1 paid	21/	—
COPPER.		
Girilambone	19/9	20/6
Great Cobar	55/	75/
Lake George Mines	27/	32/
Lake George Proprietary	—	1/
Nth. Nymagee	1/8	2/3
SILVER. NEW SOUTH WALES.		
British Broken Hill, old	8/	—
Broken Hill Proprietary	41	—
Block 10	64/	70/
Block 14	24/	26/
North Central	—	6d
TASMANIA.		
Crown Lyell, paid	15/	—
Mount Black Proprietary, con.	5/6	—
GOLD. NEW SOUTH WALES.		
Baker's Creek Consols	1/	—
Falkner's	6/	—
Mount David, paid	2/4	2/6
Mount Drysdale	2/1	—
Peak Hill, pd.	—	2/3
Star Lead No. 1, paid	2/6	—
Sunlight	3/9	6/
Victory Forest Reefs, con.	4/	5/9
West Sunlight, paid	2/10	3/2
QUEENSLAND.		
Band of Hope, paid	29/	—

	Buyer.	Seller.
Brilliant St. George, paid	42/6	44/
Clark's Brilliant, Worcester, &c.	—	7/9
Mt. Morgan	88/	90/
North Smithfield	—	50/
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	10/	10/6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated	84/6	87/
Boulder North Extended	—	7/9
Brookman's Boulder	33/	—
Brown Hill Central	1/8	—
Brown Hill Junction	4/	—
Chaffer's	6/6	—
Great Boulder	23/3	—
Great Boulder Main Reef	33/	34/9
Hannan's Block 45	6/6	7/6
Hannan's Eureka	1/	1/6
Hannan's Oroya	—	25/
Hannan's Paringa	12/	—
Hannan's Pride of the Valley	1/	—
Ditto, con.	4d	—
Ivanhoe Sth. Extended	—	8/6
Ivanhoe Junction	1/3	1/6
Kalgoorlie Proprietary	5/2	5/4
Kalgurli	6 9 6	6 10
Kalgurli N'th	37/6	39/
Kalgurli S'th	—	59/
Lake View South, pd.	28/	—
Queensland Menzies, paid	11/	—
Reefers' Eureka, con.	—	10/

The following sales were reported:—Morning—Gold: Mount David, paid up, 2s 4d; East Minerva, 5d; No. 2 North Victory, 1s 7d; No. 6 North Phœnix, 6s 10d, 6s 11d; Kalgoorlie Proprietary, 5s 3d. Noon—Copper: Girilambone, 20s, 20s 3d. Gold: Falkner's, 6s 9d; Mount David, paid up, 2s 4½d, 2s 5½d; East Minerva, 5d, 5½d, 5½d; No. 1 North Oriental and Glanmire, 5s, 5s 2d, 5s 2d; No. 1 North Great Eastern, 5s 11d, 6s 1d; No. 6 North Phœnix, 6s 11d; Smithfield and Golden Pile, 11s; Lake View South, paid up, 28s 9d. Afternoon—Gold: Victory Forest Reefs, 5s; Smithfield and Golden Pile, 10s 9d, 10s 6d.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Silver:—B. H. Block 14, 24s 3d. Gold: Victory Forest Reefs, contributing, 5s 2d; West Sunlight, paid up, 3s; No. 1 North Great Eastern, 6s; No. 1 North Oriental and Glanmire, 5s, 5s 2½d; No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire, 1s 11d; No. 1 North Columbia and Smithfield, 12s 9d; Victory, C.T., 10s 3d; Brown Hill No. 1 South, 2d, 2½d.

The directors of the Overflow S. M. Company yesterday received a telegram announcing the assay of ore taken from 58ft. south of Booth's shaft, at which point the reef is 22ft. wide. The assay gave at the rate of 13dwt. gold and 3oz. silver per ton. The plant is to be started about the 15th instant, and will be run for six weeks before cleaning-up.

ANOTHER GOLD RUSH.

YASS, Wednesday.

Another gold rush has taken place to Murrumbateman, 12 miles out. All the ground has been pegged out, and good prospects have been obtained.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The market to-day was dull. Sales and quotations were:—Mennies Barossa, 3s 8½d, 3s 8d, buyer 3s 8d, seller 3s 9d; Associated Gold Mines, 85s 6d, 85s 9d, buyer 85s 6d, seller 85s 9d; Blair Athol, contributing, 2s 1½d, 2s 1d, buyer 2s 1d, seller 2s 2d; Boulder Central, 13s 6d, 13s, buyer 13s, seller 13s 3d; Boulder Central Extended, 11d, seller 1s; Boulder Consols No. 1, 3s 9d, 3s 9½d, buyer 3s 9d; Boulder Half-mile South, 2s 7½d, buyer 2s 7d, seller 2s 8d; Boulder North Extended, 7s 3d, 6s 10d, 7s 1d, 7s, buyer 7s, seller 7s 1d; Crœsus Proprietary, 3s 4d, buyer 3s 3d, seller 3s 5d; Cumberland, 3d, 3½d, buyer 3d, seller 4d; Chaffer's, 6s 3d, buyer 6s, seller 6s 6d; Golden Queen, 8½d, 7d, 7d, buyer 7½d, seller 8d; Great Boulder No. 1, 22s 6d, seller 23s; Hannan's Central Extended, 2s 11d, buyer 2s 10d, seller 3s; Hannan's Oroya, 20s, buyer 19s, seller 20s; Hannan's Reward North, 3s, seller 3s; Ivanhoe South Extended, 7s 11d, 7s 10d, buyer 7s 10d, seller 7s 11d; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, 39s, buyer 38s, seller 39s; Coolgardie Proprietary, 5s 3d, buyer 5s 2d, seller 5s 3d; Kalgoorlie Mint, 17s 10½d, 18s, 17s 9d, buyer 17s 7½d, seller 17s 10½d; Kalgurli Gold Mines, £6 9s, buyer £6 8s, seller, £6 10s; Lady Mary, 3s 9d, buyer 3s 8d, seller 4s; Lady Sherry, paid, 1s 6½d, seller 1s 8d; Lake View South, paid, 28s 9d, buyer 28s 9d, seller 29s; North Boulder, buyer 16s, seller 17s; North Kalgurli, 37s 3d, 37s 9d, buyer 37s 9d, seller 38s; No. 1 North Norseman, new, 2s, buyer 1s 11d, seller 2s 1d; Premier, 19s 6d, seller 19s 6d; Premier South, 2s 8d, 2s 5d, buyer 2s 4d, seller 2s 6d; Queensland Menzies, paid, 13s, 13s 1½d, buyer 13s, seller 13s 4½d; South Kalgurli, 58s 6d, buyer 58s, seller 59s.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's Brisbane Stock Exchange sales were:—New Zealand P.C. Tribute, 1s 7d; Marshall's Queen, contributing, 2s 6d, 2s 5d; Mount Rose and Stockman Junction, 11d, 10½d.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Block 10 mill last week treated 2345 tons of crudes, producing 478 tons concentrates, bulking 30·42oz. silver, 62·47 per cent. lead, 8·68 per cent. zinc. The week's despatches aggregated 275 tons concentrates, leaving a balance in hand of 880 tons. Underground the working stopes maintain their good appearance, the week's assays approximately were 18oz. silver, 20 per cent. lead, 25 per cent. zinc. The face of Kelly's 715 south drive is carrying massive sulphides, worth about 14oz. silver, 17 per cent. lead, and 27½ per cent. zinc.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Monday.

To-day's Stock Exchange sales and quotations were:—Band of Hope, buyer 29s; ditto, paid, buyer 27s, seller 28s; Bonnie Dundee, buyer 3s 9d, seller 4s; Brilliant Central, buyer 5s 6d, seller 6s 6d; Brilliant Freehold, buyer 7d, seller 9d, sales 6½d, 7½d; ditto, paid, buyer 2s 6d; Brilliant St. George United, buyer 42s, seller 43s 6d; ditto, paid, buyer 43s, seller 44s; Brilliant Extended, buyer 6s 3d, seller 6s 6d; ditto, paid, buyer 7s 10d, seller 8s 3d, sales 8s; Clark's Brilliant, Worcester, and Victory, buyer 7s, seller 7s 6d; Craven's Caledonia, No Liability, buyer 3s, seller 3s 2d; C. T. Pyrites Company, buyer 13s; Day Dawn, P.C., buyer 3s 6d, seller 3s 11d; Kelly's Queen Block, buyer 11s 8d, seller 12s 3d; ditto, paid, buyer 13s, seller 14s 2d; Marshall's Queen, buyer 2s 6½d, seller 2s 7d, sale 2s 7d; Millican's Caledonia, No Liability, buyer 9d, seller 9½d, sales 9d; Moonstone Consols, buyer 4s, seller 4s 2d; Moonstone Extended P.C., buyer 9d, seller 10d; Moonstone Towers Extended Block, buyer 1s 8½d, seller 1s 10d, sales 1s 10d; New Queen, buyer 5s 10d, seller 6s 2d, sales 6s; North Queen, buyer 1s 2d, seller 1s 2½d, sales 1s 3d; ditto, paid-up, buyer 2s 9d, seller 3s 6d; Papuan Brilliant and Victory, N.L., buyer 10s, seller 10s 7d; Phœbe, buyer 12s 2d, seller 12s 8d; Queen Cross Reef, buyer 10s 6d, seller 11s; Queen Central, buyer 2s 8d, seller 2s 9d, sales 2s 6d, 2s 8d; ditto, paid, buyer 4s 2d, seller 4s 5d; Victoria and Queen, buyer 9s 9d, seller 10s, sales 10s; ditto, paid, seller 12s 6d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, buyer 3s 1d, seller 3s 9d; ditto, paid, buyer 4s 5d, seller 5s 3d; Victoria G. M. Association, buyer 7s 6½d, seller 7s 9d, sales 7s 7d; Victory, buyer 9s 4d, seller 9s 9d; ditto, paid, buyer 9s 6d, seller 10s.

The Brilliant Company has crushed 3143 tons of stone for 2780oz. gold.

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GYMPIE, Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports:—The Oriental and Glanmire Company has crushed 340 tons of stone for a yield of 504oz. retorted gold. Sales:—Brennan's Caledonia, 6d; Columbia and Smithfield, 18s; Orient Tribute, 3s 3d, 3s 4d; Great Eastern No. 1 North, 5s 5d; Great Eastern No. 1 South, 21s, 21s 4d; Great Eastern, 8d, 10d; Oriental and Glanmire No. 1 North, 4s 9d, 4s 11d, 4s 9d; Oriental No. 2 North, 1s 8d, 1s 8½d; Phœnix No. 6 North, 6s 6d, 6s 9d; Smithfield and Golden Pile, 11s 3d; Victory No. 2 North, 1s 5½d, 1s 6d; Caledonian United, 1s 4½d.

HILLGROVE, Wednesday.

The escort to-day took from Hillgrove 460oz. 18dwt. bar gold, and 260oz. 3dwt. from Metz, making a total of 721oz.

HOBART, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Colebrook, seller 28s; Hercules, buyer 25s, seller 29s; Barlen Hercules, buyer 7d, seller 1s; Mount Black, buyer 6s 2d, seller 6s 6d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 25s, seller 28s; Mount Reid, buyer 13s, seller 13s 9d; Oonah, buyer 8s 6d, seller 9s 6d; ditto, paid, seller 10s; Silver Queen, buyer 3s.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

To-day's Stock Exchange sales and quotations were:—Tasmania, buyer £5 5s; Oonah, buyer 8s, seller 9s 3d; ditto, paid, buyer 8s, seller 9s 6d; Silver Queen, buyer 4s; Colebrook, buyer 25s, seller 30s; New West Colebrook, buyer 1s 9d, seller 2s 1d; Clifton, buyer 3s 9d, seller 4s 6d; Clifton Extended, buyer 6½d, seller 9d; Curtin and Davis, buyer 1s 6d; Hercules, buyer 26s, seller 29s 6d; South Hercules, buyer 2s 6d, seller 3s; Mount Lyell, seller £14 11s; Crown Lyell, seller 23s; North Lyell, seller £7 10s; King Lyell, seller 3s 6d; Great Southern Lyell, buyer 2s; North Prince, paid, seller 1s 3d; West Extended Lyell, paid, seller 42s 6d; Dora, seller 17s; Lyell Tharsis, seller 3s 6d; Mount Black Proprietary, paid, buyer 6s 3d, seller 8s; Koonya, seller 30s; Primrose, seller 17s; Red Hills, buyer 5s 9d, seller 6s 6d; North Copper, buyer 4s 3d, seller 4s 10d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Business on the Stock Exchange to-day was still inactive, and transactions were restricted in volume as compared with the January experience. Sales:—B. H. Proprietary, 41s 6d; Central Mount Deddick, 90s; Lake George Mines, 30s, 31s; Mount Lyell, £14 5s, £14 6s; Crown Lyell, 19s, 18s 4½d, 20s; Glen Lyell, 1s 1d; Great Southern Mount Lyell, 2s 5d, 2s 3d, 2s 4d; Lyell Tharsis, 26s, 27s 6d; Mount Lyell Consols, paid, 17s 6d; Mount Lyell Extended, 26s; ditto, paid, 30s, 29s 9d; North Crown Lyell, 2s 3d, 2s 5d; North Mount Lyell, £7 3s, £7 5s; Prince Lyell, 2s 6d, 2s 9d; Queen Lyell, 3s; Tasman Lyell, 68s, 69s; Mount Lyell Comstock, £22 10s, £25 10s; Western Tharsis, 3s 2d, 3s; Barlen Hercules, 6d; North Lyell Consolidated, 10s 9d; Associated Gold Mines, 85s, 86s 6d; Great Boulder, 23s 6d; Boulder North Extended, 7s 2d, 6s 9d; Berry Consols Extended, 36s 6d; Cardigan, 5s 9d, 6s 3d; Gay's Star, 2s 9d; Glen Fyne, 8s 10d, 9s; New Normanby, 7s 6d; Burnt Creek, 6s; Chalk's No. 1, 4s 3d; Great Southern, 66s; M'Evoy, 3s 3d; Koch's Pioneer, 20s 6d; New Chum Railway, 36s 6d; Shenandoah, 4s 1d; Long Tunnel Extended, £24; Sir John Franklin, paid, 11s; Beehive and German, paid, 11s 9d; South German, £8 10s.

NORSEMAN, Tuesday.

Splendid stone, some of the richest ever raised on the field, has been struck in the Cumberland lease. The Little Wonder mine has just obtained 18oz. of gold from 2 tons of concentrates that have been put on one side from the first crushing last April, when the yield was 76oz. gold from 34 tons stone. This brings the average up to 2oz. 15dwt. gold per ton. Prince of the West (late Hidden Treasure) has crushed at Bevilaqua's battery 19½ tons stone, yielding 20oz gold. The St. Agnes mine again reports that work is proceeding well, and that more stopes will be opened when suitable men shall be available.

TRUNKEY, Wednesday.

A miner named Terence M'Cann has unearthed a nugget of gold weighing 3oz. 4dwt. 15gr., his only implements being a shear blade and a dish. Several large nuggets have previously been found by miners in the immediate vicinity.

On the sands Messrs. D. M'Vicar and M. Jones obtained over 3oz. in two days. The water came in very freely. Some nice little patches have been got recently in the Grove Lake, below the Abercrombie Caves. On the river a good many men are making a living. The water being low they can get into the bed of the river in many places. Battery tailings are eagerly sought after, and those on M'Phillamy's freehold at One Eye have been pegged out.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

Nicholas and Raymond's battery has treated the following parcels:—Boon and party, 60 tons mullock for 15oz. 13dwt. The Homeward Bound, 10 tons stone for 13dwt. gold. Miners' Right, 14 tons for 16oz. 18dwt. The True Blue has treated 6 tons of mineralised ore at Sully's works for a yield of 39oz. Considerable interest in mining circles was caused by a discovery made to-day in the Klondyke mine. At a dept of 260ft. the party in crosscutting west from the shaft cut a 24-in. body of mineral consisting of arsenical pyrites of sulphide ore. The value of the discovery has not yet been ascertained.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

Golden Fleece G.M. Company, Wyalong, 4d.
North Smithfield, Gympie, February 15, 2s.
Band of Hope, C.T., February 14, 6d.
B.H. Proprietary Block 10 Company, February 16, 2s.
Princess Royal, Norseman, February 23, 1s.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Brilliant Company, Charters Towers, 3143 tons, 2780oz.
Miner's Right, Wyalong, 14 tons, 16oz.
Oriental and Glanmire, Gympie, 340 tons, 504oz.
True Blue, Wyalong, 6, tons 39oz.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Burra Burra Copper-mining Company, No Liability, Mount Boppy, February 5.—South drive off crosscut at 200ft. level continues to show good ore in the face, the body exposed being nearly 2ft wide. A contract for further sinking and driving at the gossan shaft has been entered into, and active operations are going on at this end of the property. New winding plant is being put into position, and it is expected that it will be in readiness for hauling purposes by Monday.

Broken Hill Proprietary Block 14 Company, Limited, February 2.—400ft. level: South footwall drive extended to 338ft.; face harder, and mixed with sulphide. Crosscut west off south drive driven to 30½ft.; face very hard and mixed with sulphide. 300ft. level: No. 1 winze south sunk to 105ft.; no change. 200ft. level: No. 5 winze sunk to 57½ft.; still in fair sulphide ore. 100ft. level: North footwall drive extended to 60ft.; face still carrying oxidised ore. Stoping continued on 200 and 300 ft. levels, and mill supplied with required ore. 142 trucks, containing 300 tons bullion, despatched for week.

Girilambone Copper-mining Company, No Liability, week ended February 4.—300ft. level: Stopes looking about the same. In north-west face the ore is getting more solid, and showing better ore. 200ft. level: Driving south-west on black lode; ore getting harder and of better quality, also showing more grey ore, which assays up to 10 per cent. This is good concentrating ore, and can be worked up to from 25 to 30 per cent., with only 31 per cent. of silica. The crude ore carries 61 per cent. of silica. 140ft. level: Stope south of main drive looking well. Bray's stope, back of main level, looking about the same. Winding plant almost completed. Three smelting furnaces have been reducing and smelting 85 tons of ore, producing 9 tons of copper.

Lake George Proprietary Company, No Liability, week ended February 7.—Chapman's shaft: Drive north extended 8½ft.; crosscut driven 16ft. for week; 15ft. through black pyritic formation and 1ft. through soft white schist and sugary quartz heavily charged with pyrites. Copeland's shaft: Experienced much difficulty through heavy influx of water; now making between 11,000 and 12,000 gallons per hour.

New Royal Standard Gold-mining Company, Stewart's Brook, week ended February 5.—Work in the various stopes proceeding on usual lines. Winze sunk 6ft. Total, 16ft. Shall clean up crushing and cyanide plant next week.

New Pinnacle Group Silver-mining Company, No Liability.—100ft. level: Leading stope in south-east end still yielding fair quantity of good ore; still showing full face of high-grade ore. South-east winze: Total depth, 9½ft.; lode continues to carry good class ore. 185ft. level: Stopes yielding fair quantity good ore. South-west drive: Total distance, 40ft.; face much the same as last reported. Stopes back of 221ft. level, yielding a fair amount of good ore. South-east end drive: Total distance, 42ft.; face does not show any further improvement. 265ft. level: B drive, total distance 30½ft.; no change in face to note. North-east crosscut: total distance, 2½ft.; no marked change to report. Commenced to take off the leading stope from back of this drive. A drive: Lode rather small, though fair-grade ore. Ore raised for week, 201 tons.

Peak Hill Proprietary Gold-mining Company, No Liability, February 4.—Drive on course of No. 2 lode at 550ft. level extended to 46ft.; lode same as last reported; crushed 31 tons ore from this lode for 17oz. gold.

Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Limited, four weeks ended February 3.—Stewart shaft put into operation as winding shaft, and all machinery and appliances connected therewith working satisfactorily. Two additional large smelters started at Port Pirie on January 13, and all new plant in course of construction progressing satisfactorily.

Golconda Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Parkes, week ended February 7.—Shaft has reached 43ft. from 110ft. level; reef is still compact body of stone up to 2ft. in width, heavily charged with copper pyrites, iron pyrites, and galena. Both hanging and foot walls are terribly hard. Reef at present shows distinct tendency to widen, and water in the bottom has ceased.

Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Limited, week ended January 26.—Five smelting furnaces in operation. Smelting plant, No. 2: Excavation for site in hand. 5072 tons of blister copper consigned to date, being 1837 tons for the current half-year; total production to date, 5125 tons.

North Central Broken Hill Silver-mining Company, No Liability, week ended February 5.—South drive at 30ft. level, total 100½ft. from crosscut. Face continues hard at present, but more mineralised than of late, carrying small patches of graphite in country. North drive at 550ft. level, total 97ft. from shaft. Drive has been a little harder though lode formation, making a little smaller, but opening out again.

Pride of the Goulburn Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Ten Mile, February 2.—Stopes over No. 3 turning out usual quantity payable stone. Reef in underhand stope 8in.; fair gold. Winze, total 63ft.; reef 6in., good quality. No. 4 tunnel, total 241ft.; reef in face broken up, not payable. Battery crushed 36 hours. Water supply short.

Victoria Gold-mining Association, Charters Towers, fortnight ended January 25.—At No. 12 south-east level stoping has been carried on as usual on the various branches of stone; their thickness varies from 6in. to 1ft.; the quality just now is not quite like what it was. Crosscut at No. 11 level, total length 64ft.; hanging wall vein has been intersected, and will be driven on. Over No. 8, south-east level, the reef is about 16in. thick, rather white. Over No. 7, south-east level, reef of poor quality; will average 1ft. thick. No. 4 south-east level, total from shaft 294ft.; reef 1ft. thick, medium quality. Over No. 4 north-west level reef is from 6in. to 1ft. thick; good quality. No. 3 north-east level. Reef 1ft. thick, good quality. Over this level the reef varies from 6in. to 1ft. in thickness; fairly good quality. Over No. 3, south-east level, reef is 10in. thick; fairly good quality. Stoping on footwall reef, stone 10in. thick. Over No. 1B level reef varies from 6in. to 1ft. thick. Mostly white poor stone in these stopes just now.

DEMONSTRATION OF GAS COOKING.

Mr. Michael Raleigh, who is the inventor of a gas stove which he claims is superior in point of efficiency and cheapness to anything on the local market, gave a demonstration of its uses at the School of Arts yesterday. The room was well filled with ladies, and here and there could be seen a member of the sterner sex. It would be difficult to say who watched the proceedings with the greater interest. The chief point of difference was that the ladies appeared to understand the proceedings, while the men did not. The fault was not with Mr. Raleigh, who explained the workings of his contrivance with deftness and ability. In point of fact the stove did all that was claimed for it. In a remarkably short space of time it cooked a dinner sufficient, the demonstrator stated, for 24 men, but which in point of variety and quality might, as far as appearances went, have satisfied a collection of epicures of twice that number. Mr. Raleigh claims that with the appliances which he uses the cost is reduced to a minimum. The time required is less than with the ordinary stove, and he is willing to answer for the quality of the finished article. He appeared to satisfy his audience yesterday upon all these points.

SPELLING OF ARTISTS' NAMES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Passing through the Domain the other day I stayed a few moments to pay the homage of remembrance to the mighty names inscribed on the new building of the National Gallery. At the rear of the building (typical of the position which the great mistress of the arts holds in modern estimation) are placed the names of some five or six architects of the Renaissance, and among them I read those of Philibert de l'Orme and of Juan de Herrera.

Now, accustomed as we come to be to the almost Elizabethan laxity of spelling which we meet with in the streets of Sydney, we at least expect rigid orthodoxy when a great public institution affixes to its walls in "imperishable bronze" names known the world over. If there is good authority for spelling these names Philabert and Herrara I hope one of your readers will be able to direct me to it. So far, though I have sought diligently, I have found none.

I am, &c., HISTORICUS.

CRICKET AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

Many pathetic incidents illustrative of the pitch which enthusiasm for cricket has attained have been told of late, but there remain many more to tell. Perhaps the most pathetic of all so far was the case of the poor old man in Victoria who travelled some hundreds of miles resolved to see a big cricket match, but who on the journey was overtaken by some serious illness and taken to the hospital, where regardless of the sufferings which he endured his all-consuming desire was to be told what the scores were. Even in New South Wales there is a case which in any other country would call forth much compassion if not a determination to remedy it. It is the case of a large body of men employed by the Water and Sewerage Board. These men are engaged at maintenance work along the line of canal which ensures the supply of water to the city. Their case would so far as the authorities were concerned have been altogether overlooked had it not been for the thoughtfulness of Alderman D. Davis, who, at the meeting of the board held yesterday, suggested that they should be granted a holiday so that they might have an opportunity to attend the forthcoming test match. It might be arranged, he said, that one-half of the men should be let off on one day and the other half on another day. The president observed gravely that inasmuch as the men had never asked for a holiday he could not see why the board should force a holiday upon them. Such action on the part of the board would be altogether unprecedented. Someone thereupon suggested that these men had very little knowledge of cricket, and it was probable that even if they were granted the holiday the only way in which they could be induced to come to Sydney would be by paying their travelling expenses. Mr. Davis indignantly resented the imputation that these men did not understand cricket, and reminded his colleagues that some of the best cricketers that had ever entered an oval had come from the back blocks. After other discussion had taken place, the president said the proposal was fraught with much more serious consequences than seemed to be generally realised. Some emergency might arise in connection with the employment of these men, and if they were not there to carry out immediately some order that might be forwarded the consequences might be very serious. It seemed to him that Mr. Davis was a very kind employer. Mr. Davis: "Well, I know what it is to have been a workman; I was not brought up with a silver spoon in my mouth." Alderman Ahearn: "Did you ever get a holiday for which you were paid when you worked?" Alderman Davis: "It is so long since I worked that I have forgotten." Mr. Macpherson: "Oh, it is intended to give them a holiday and their wages as well?" "Oh, yes," was the answer; "it is no use giving them a holiday unless you give them their wages as well." The board decided to refer the matter to the engineer with a view to ascertaining whether any of the men could be spared, and if so how many, and whether there was a general desire on the part of the men to see the cricket match.

RETURN OF STOCK IN THE COLONY ON JAN. 1, 1898.

These returns are compiled principally from returns received and partly from the inspectors' estimates of the returns of stock for year ended December 31, 1897:—

NO. OF STOCK.

1897.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Total of stock returned	451,283	1,909,524	43,068,099
Estimated total of stock not returned	11,580	43,519	597,761
Grand total returned and estimated, January 1, 1898	462,863	1,953,043	43,665,860
Grand total returned and estimated, January 1, 1897	484,028	2,045,707	48,318,790
Decrease	21,165	92,664	4,652,930

The shortage of sheep is considerably less than that estimated by the inspectors in the return made by them in compliance with the order of Parliament in July last. Their estimate, including both sheep and lambs, was 8,585,000. A leading feature in the great drought from which the colony suffered is that it was one of the most general of any within the last 50 years. In fact it may be said that with the exception of a comparatively small part of the north-eastern and north-western portions of the colony and some portion of Monaro no part of the colony escaped. In the Eastern land division of the colony the losses have been greatest in the middle portion. In the Central division, which on the whole has suffered very seriously, the losses have been greatest in the southern portion. In the Western division the losses have been very light in the northern portion, not very heavy in the middle, but very heavy in the southern.

ROYAL BLACK ASSOCIATION.

Adjourned annual meeting of the Grand Black Chapter of the Royal Black Association of New South Wales was held at the Protestant Hall on February 1, when the officers elected were installed into their positions, as follows:—P.G.M., Sir Knight W. Forsythe; D.P.G.M., Sir Knight C. Chandler; D.P.G.M., Sir Knight J. Nicoll; G. Chap., Sir Knight Rev. T. J. Curtis; D.G.Cs., Sir Knights Hume and Edwards; G. Reg., Sir Knight J. T. Pallett; D.G.R., Sir Knight J. D. Graham; G.T., Sir Knight O. Paul; D.G.T., Sir Knight E. Mormon; G.L., Sir Knight W. Layman; D.G.L., Sir Knight P. M'Donnell.

The installing master, Sir Knight John Stanton, officiated in a very able manner. The proceedings terminated with the National Anthem.

MUNICIPAL DISFRANCHISEMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is an old and well-established rule that there should be no taxation without representation. This rule is at the present day considered to be so fundamental that it would appear matter for astonishment that the contrary can exist. That the contrary does exist, and to a very large extent, the following facts will show. Being on the municipal register as occupier for the election of alderman for the East Ward of the borough of Mosman I attended the polling booth yesterday for the purpose of recording my votes. To my astonishment the returning-officer said he could not allow me to vote, as the owner of the house in which I resided was on the register as owner, and the rates had not been paid in my name. In support of his contention he referred me to section 55 of the Municipalities Consolidation Act, 1897, which, so far as material, is as follows:—"Every person of the full age of 21 years who on the 7th day of January in any year is the occupier, lessee, or owner of any rateable property within any municipality and liable to be rated for the same as such occupier, lessee, or owner shall be entitled to be enrolled according to the provisions hereinafter contained upon the municipal roll of the municipality for the ensuing municipal year, and being so enrolled shall be an elector thereof and shall be entitled, subject as hereinafter mentioned, to vote in all elections of aldermen for the municipality occurring whilst such municipal roll is in force in the manner following:— . . . . 'Provided that only the person who pays the rates for such rateable property shall be entitled to vote in respect thereof.'"

I contended that as my name was on the register I was entitled to vote, and that although I did not immediately pay the rates to the council I did mediately through the owner pay them, the owner in fact being only the conduit or channel through which they were paid. However, the returning officer was inexorable and would not allow me to record my votes. Now, it can be easily seen from the foregoing that a ready means exists for disfranchising a large majority of the ratepayers who pay their rates in their rent. It is a well-known fact that in this colony the large majority of houses are let at so much per week, the landlord paying the rates out of the rent he so receives. In other words, these tenants are compound householders. In England where a landlord lets property to compound householders he is bound under a penalty to make an annual return to the proper officer, setting forth the Christian and surnames of his tenants and their address, and this list is put en bloc into the register by the overseers, of course any persons who are known to be disqualified being struck out at the revision. But once on the register they are entitled to vote. For it is provided by the Ballot Act, which Act also applies to municipal contested elections, as follows:—"At any election for a county or borough, a person shall not be entitled to vote unless his name is on the register of voters for the time being in force for such county or borough, and every person whose name is on such register shall be entitled to demand and receive a ballot-paper and to vote. Provided that nothing in this section shall entitle any person to vote who is prohibited from voting by any statute, or by the common law of Parliament, or relieve such person from any penalties to which he may be liable for voting." As bearing on this point the following extract from "Stephens's Commentaries," Vol. 2, may be interesting:—"No person is competent to vote unless his name appears on the register of electors; but, on the other hand, the law does not permit the qualification of any person who has been so registered to be questioned at the time of polling. Nor is any inquiry whatever allowed to be made on that occasion relative to the right of any person to vote, except only as follows:—That the Sheriff or other returning officer shall (if required on behalf of any candidate to do so) put to the voter at the time of tendering his vote, and not afterwards, two questions (or either of them), worded in such manner as the Act of Parliament in that behalf prescribes, the object of which is to ascertain, first, the identity of the proposed voter with the registered person in respect of whose qualification he proposes to vote; secondly, that the proposed voter has not already voted at that election. The voter may also (upon the like requisition) be put to his oath upon these matters. But the law provides that no person claiming to vote shall be excluded from doing so, unless it appears on his answers to the questions that he is not entitled to vote, or unless he refuses to take such oath." It will be easily seen from the foregoing what a wholesale disfranchisement of electors can, and does, in fact, take place. Whether the Legislature intended this wholesale disfranchisement it is impossible to say. If such was their intention, then I venture to think they should have gone a step further and should have exonerated all tenants from the liability to pay rates. Surely, as regards this qualification, it can make no difference whether the landlord or tenant pays the rates to the council, as in the case of the house being occupied by the tenant, and not the owner, the tenant in fact pays the rates. This point is easily shown by the fact that the owner on estimating his return from the property, would certainly deduct the amount paid for rates. In conclusion, I venture to think that it is only just and equitable that the occupiers of the houses in any locality should have a right to be represented in the government of the locality. I am, &c.,

February 5. ONEIDA.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ALBANI CONCERT SEASON.

Mr. J. C. Williamson returned to Sydney yesterday in connection with the Albani concert season, which he has definitely fixed to open at the Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday, February 23. The diva's first appearance here is intended to counterbalance the preference given to Melbourne in the case of Mr. Wilson Barrett, as in all these matters it is Mr. Williamson's intention, in view of the cordial support accorded new ventures which he has lately opened here, to endeavour to make "honours easy." The question of tariff is under consideration, and will be announced on Saturday. It is surmised, however, that owing to the high expenses of the concert party prices will be very considerably increased. Mme. Albani is expected to reach Adelaide on Monday next, and she has already been invited to spend the day with Sir Fowell and Lady Victoria Buxton at Marble Hall. There will be no time for this visit, but the Mayor of Adelaide will hold a reception in the diva's honour at the Town Hall. Similarly, the Mayor of Melbourne (Mr. M'Eacharn) and the Mayoress will give an "at home" in Mme. Albani's honour at the Town Hall, to which some of the principal people of the Victorian capital will be invited.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

The final performance of "Babes in the Wood" at Her Majesty's Theatre to-morrow evening will be the occasion of a special "juvenile night," when the curtain will rise at 7 o'clock and fall for the last time at 10 o'clock.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITAL.

The City Organist's programme commemorating the anniversaries of the birth of ten composers during the first half of the current month, afforded a varied and interesting recital yesterday afternoon. Mendelssohn's "Sonata No. 6" at once opened and gave needed weight to the programme. Sir Michael Costa was represented by The Evening Prayer from "Eli," and Litolff by his "Spinnlied in A flat," an equally favourite concert number at these recitals. Dussek's "Consolation in B flat," Rinck's "Flute Concerto for Organ," Dupont's freshly melodious "Chanson d'une Jeune Fille," and pieces by Vieuxtemps, de Beriot, and Boccherini were included in a capital programme, which closed with Gretry's famous melody, "Ou peut-on etre mieux qu' au sein de sa famille?" M. Wiegand will give a recital of popular music on Saturday evening.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BURWOOD.

Last night the members of the Burwood Dramatic Club gave a performance at the Burwood School of Arts. The piece chosen was Byron's comedy "Our Boys." The characters were sustained by Messrs. J. G. Bisset, jun., W. Creagh, E. Maddox, C. A. Lyne, G. Weir, and J. G. Vernon, the Misses J. Prentice, E. Beddow, M. Wilkins, and E. Prentice.

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WOOD.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM WOOD and Mr. and Mrs. S. HENDERSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Alice Wood; to leave her residence, 3 Ivy-street, Darlington, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis.
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LEWIS.—The Friends of Messrs. DAVID, HARRY, and ARCHIE LEWIS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER; to move from her late residence, 31 Pyrmont-street, Pyrmont, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
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HAYES.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN HAYES are kindly informed that the Funeral of his beloved DAUGHTER, Harriett, will leave his residence, 7 Lambert-street, Erskineville, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.45 p.m., for the Necropolis, via Newtown Station. Boots and Gommeson, Undertakers, 250 King-st., Newtown. Tel., 56N.

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APPLICATIONS, accompanied by testimonials, will be received by the undersigned on or before the 16th March, 1898, from duly qualified Medical Men for the Position of RESIDENT SURGEON to the above Hospital, to take charge 1st April, 1898.
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2nd February, 1898.

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WANTED, respectable MAN, to take charge of cab; good home, small wages. 2 Hampton-st., Balmain.

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WANTED, a respectable GIRL, for housework and children. 35 Hopewell-st., Paddington.

WANTED, BOY to deliver papers. 118 Oxford-st., Paddington.

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WANTED, respectable middle-aged Woman, General, 2 in family. Apply after 10 a.m., 32 Victoria-st.

WANTED, WETNURSE. Apply between 2 and 3 o'clock, Thursday, Sadler's Pharmacy, Bondi Junc.

WANTED, a respectable young WOMAN, for housework. Apply Peterson's Bottle Yard, 75 Botany-rd.

WANTED, a young MAN or WOMAN for kitchen, must understand cooking. 23 James-st.

WANTED, a HOUSEMAID. After 9, Moira, 40 Darlinghurst-rd.

WANTED, a respect. Girl as GENERAL, 2 in fam. Apply at once at 56 Ridge-st., Moore Park.

WANTED, a GIRL to mind baby. Apply to 21 Marian-st., Redfern.

WANTED, young Girl, not over 16, assist light duties, 3 fam. 123 George-st., Redf., between 9 and 10 a.m.

WANTED, at once, first-class Shirt and Collars, French Laundry, 204 Victoria-st. N., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, young General SERVANT. Apply 37 Surry-st., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, nicely-behaved active GIRL, about 14. After 10, 27 Cambridge-st., Paddington.

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WANTED, sup. GIRL, nurse and needlewoman, 3 children, refs. 9 to 10, 40 College-st., Hyde Park.

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WANTED, smart GIRL. Apply 7 a.m., Criterion Restaurant, 39 Park-st., city.

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WANTED, sober Man as GROOM, must have experience in letting out stables. 29 Hunter-st., Redfern.

WANTED, good strong GIRL, accustomed to housework. 128 Young-st., Redfern.

WANTED, smart Waiter, good carver, leading country hotel. Licensed Vict. Agency, 41 Elizabeth-st.

WANTED, honest little GIRL, or resp. old Woman, look after old lady. Lot., A. C., 270, King-st., N'tn.

WANTED, smart BOY, about 15. T. Welford, dairyman, Canonbury Grove, Dulwich Hill.

WANTED, Lady HELP, refs. required, other help kept. Mrs. Benson, Warren-rd., Marrickville.

WANTED, good General SERVANT. Apply second floor, 256 Pitt-st.

WANTED, smart LAD, assist in baking, gen. useful. Apply 24 Little Gipps-st., Surry Hills.

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WANTED, Hall Porter for 1st. hotel, 20s, city, assist table. Bittmann's L. A., 87 Imp. Arcade.

WANTED, an experienced WAITRESS. Apply Victoria Coffee Palace, 508 Pitt-st.

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WANTED, sup. young Gen. Servant, for city hotel. Apply after 9, Woodvill, Ruthven-st., Waverley.

WANTED, Day GIRL, 16, 3 in family, 1 child. After 10, Glencairn, Ebley-st., Waverley.

WANTED, WAITRESS. Apply 489 George-st.

WANTED, SERVANT, assist housework. Caroline-lane, corner Margaret-st., city.

WANTED, respectable GIRL, generally useful. Mrs. G. G. Olds, 87 George-st. West.

WANTED, strong young GIRL, generally useful. 21 Wynyard-square.

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